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Developers going residential

REAL ESTATE

Plans for office towers switched to dwellings

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

The Windsor was slated for office space, but the developer is going back to the drawing board to construct luxury rental apartments. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

In Calgary real estate development, residential is the new office space.

The growing glut of office space in Calgary has at least a few developers going back to the drawing board (and the Calgary Planning Commission) to change their paperwork and build apartments or condos instead.

That's what's happening for a building known as The Windsor, on the corner of 50 Avenue SW and Elbow Drive.

Frank Lonardelli, president and CEO of Arlington Street Investments, said the space was originally slated for a main floor of retail and four floors of office space.

However last November, as climbing office vacancy rates became more apparent, Lonardelli said they decided to apply the brakes and switch to residential space instead.

25%

Calgary's current downtown office vacancy rate.

SOURCE: CALGARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

"For us, it was quite frankly perfect timing because we were coming to the main floor slab," he said. "We had just constructed 232 underground parking stalls, so the time to pivot was then."

Switching meant submitting a new development permit application, and going back to the drawing board with designers and architects.

Lonardelli estimates that it has added about a year and a half to the overall project time, but the end result will be space his company feels more confident that they will be able to rent out.

He said very few purpose-built rentals have been constructed in the last 15 years. And many older rental apartments have been bought up and turned into condos.

"Millennials want brand new, smaller units that are amenity rich," said Lonardelli.

The Windsor isn't the only building to see a change like this.

FRAM Building Group had been preparing to start a building in the East Village that had previously been approved for office space. On Wednesday, a revision was reapproved to allow for 158 dwelling units above retail and consumer space.

Coun. Druh Farrell said it wasn't that long ago she was seeing the opposite: Developers looking to convert existing residential space into office space.

"The reversal is a welcome one," said Farrell. "We want a downtown that has a balance of uses, a mix of uses to create more vibrancy."

SWITCH STEPS

Changing a planned development from commercial to residential could include a number of steps, including asking council for a land use amendment and applying for a new development permit.

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The manufacturer said customers should not consume the product, but no complaints or injuries in this case have been reported in Alberta to date.

Anyone who purchased the gin in the 1.14 L size (lot number L16304 W) can return the potent bottles, unopened or not, to the retailer for a full refund. METRO

Disaster Alley is back

The annual emergency preparedness event, Disaster Alley, hosted by the city and Calgary's Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) was cancelled last year as an actual emergency raged in Fort McMurray.

During the wildfire, Calgary sent hundreds of emergency responders to support the local crews battling the blaze and welcomed 2,500 evacuees, according to the City of Calgary.

At Disaster Alley, a free event, Calgarians can learn how to make a 72-hour emergency kit for their own home and meet disaster-management specialists like the Canada Task Force 2. National Emergency Preparedness Week is May 7 to 13.

Check it out May 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at McMahon Stadium in Calgary. METRO

Premier Rachel Notley has been pushing to make the province's economy less reliant on oil and the boom-and-bust fate that has come with it. THE CANADIAN PRESS/JASON FRANSON

NDP hits halfway point of its term

POLITICS

Government has been remaking how Alberta spends

Premier Rachel Notley's NDP government hit the halfway point of their term Friday, riding an orange wave of popularity into office to lead Alberta's sluggish economy toward a green future, buoyed for now by barrels of red ink.

Notley says her team has come a long way from the days when it grew overnight from a four-member opposition to a majority of more than 50 with a mandate to govern.

Notley once characterized it as trying to build a plane while it's in flight.

"Sometimes I'll sit down and just look at a list of what we've done over the last couple of years — and that list is really long," said Notley. "Yeah, we've made mistakes. As you build the plane while it's in flight, you do that. (But) there's a sincerity and an authenticity of the dedication of the people in my government and my caucus, and I'm very proud of how they've been maturing and I'm proud of how we're making progress."

> **I'm proud of how we're making progress.**
> Premier Rachel Notley

May 5, 2015 was one for the history books, when Notley's team toppled a Progressive Conservative dynasty that in the eyes of some had rotted from within after four decades in power.

In the last two years, Notley's team has been remaking how Alberta spends, saves, and delivers energy and electricity while grappling with thousands of job losses as oil revenues — Alberta's lifeblood — plummeted.

The NDP has resisted calls from the opposition to slim down the civil service and find other cuts. Instead, it has doubled down on lost revenues by taking advantage of low interest rates to catch up on building hospitals, schools, and roads. The result is a construction boom, but also eye-popping deficits that have exceeded $10 billion in each of the last two years.

Alberta's credit rating has gotten warnings or downgrades and interest payments are now over $1 billion a year. The opposition parties say Notley has refused to make the hard decisions, putting future taxpayers on the hook.

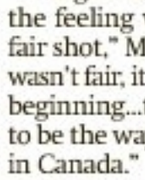
"They have gone and utilized their ideology to move the province in one particular direction without any kind of accountability or transparency," said Wildrose Leader Brian Jean.

Ric McIver, the Progressive Conservative leader in the legislature, said while it's still best to govern, his new role in opposition has its advantages.

"I get to get up on my feet and explain to Albertans just how bad this government is," said McIver. "It's such a target-rich environment." THE CANADIAN PRESS

TRANSIT LAYOFFS

Union: Game was rigged



Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

The gauntlet has been thrown.

Calgary Transit's cleaning and outside maintenance workers were notified Thursday morning that 60 positions will be cut and outsourced. According to the city, they stand to save "in the range of $2.7 million."

According to the union, the Request for Proposal only went out to pre-approved bidders, and the union didn't make that list.

"We were not allowed to bid on that work," said Amalgamated Transit Union Executive vice president Neil McKinnon. "There's a lack of transparency, lack of accountability in this process and we're upset by it, we thought we were able to provide savings."

He said if the ATU were truly offered a discussion on cost-savings they could have saved jobs.

"Right now we're left with the feeling we weren't given a fair shot," McKinnon said. "This wasn't fair, it was rigged from the beginning...that's not supposed to be the way we do things here in Canada."

This has been a long time coming, and the transit union has been fighting layoffs since council heard the Zero-Based review in June of 2016. That presentation, compiled by a third-party organization, suggested the city could realize some cost savings if they outsourced the workers in charge of keeping LRT stations clean and clear from snow.

"We've provided notice of layoffs to impacted staff," read a statement provided by the city. "The layoffs will become effective June 23, 2017. The City of Calgary will not comment further on specifics around employee personnel matters."

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'The power of life and death': Crown

COURT

Prosecution, defence make closing remarks in gas and dash

Lucie Edwardson
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Joshua Cody Mitchell had "the power of life and death" over Maryam Rashidi — and chose death — the day he ran over and killed her after she attempted to thwart his gas and dash, Crown prosecutor Jonathan Hak told jurors in his closing arguments.

Mitchell is charged with second-degree murder in the gas and dash turned hit and run death of Rashidi, who was a Centax gas station employee, in June 2015.

Hak told jurors they should find Mitchell guilty of second-degree murder as opposed to the lesser charge of manslaughter because he believes the Crown has proved that Mitchell intended to kill Rashidi, or intended to cause bodily harm knowing it had the potential to cause death.

> **Not one witness said it looked like he aimed for Miss Rashidi.**
> Kim Ross

Jurors were reminded by Hak of the evidence given by nearly a dozen witnesses who described Rashidi chasing after Mitchell in a stolen truck he and his "sidekick" Braydon Brown had just filled with more than a hundred dollars in gas without paying.

Court heard that multiple witnesses saw Rashidi slapping the passenger side window of the vehicle yelling at Mitchell to return and pay for the gas, that she stood in front of the truck trying to make her point.

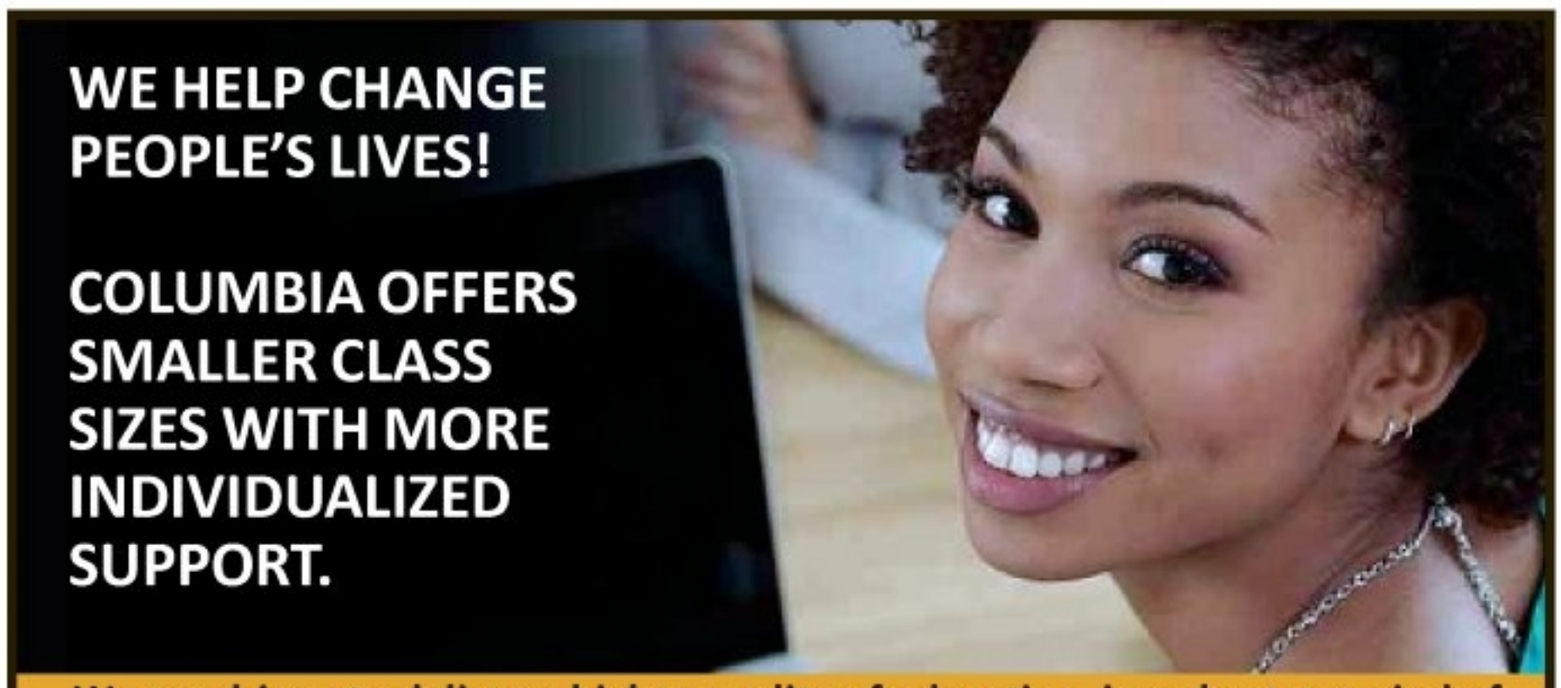
"Mitchell knew she was there and wanted him to do the right thing," he said. "He was persistent in trying to get her off… he was reversing, accelerating, braking and swerving in attempts to get her off.

"Miss Rashidi's life extinguished when he ran over her. He was going to get away over her dead body."

Defence lawyer Kim Ross submitted to jurors that his client was not guilty of second-degree murder, but rather manslaughter.

"Not one witness said it looked like he aimed for Miss Rashidi. He was trying to avoid her."

Justice Alan Macleod gave jurors instructions on how they should treat the law and what should guide them to their decision Thursday afternoon.



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REGULATION

City talks bluntly with Edmonton about pot

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Calgary's politicians are hoping Edmonton can help present a united front on pot as the province embarks on consultation.

On Thursday, the city's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee talked about municipal marijuana legalization at length. And between cracking jokes about who smokes what, concerns on roadside drug tests and how to enforce the four-plant limit, it was made clear that municipalities need to work together.

"There's a desire that we have a discussion so that we're putting forward the same concerns, the same asks of the provincial and federal government," said Coun. Brian Pincott.

Currently, one of the city's highest concerns is that there aren't any mentions, or clues about how much dough they might expect from legalization. The city is currently trying to calculate how much legalization may cost them, but there are too many questions to come up with a solid number.

City administrators have been meeting with the City of Edmonton to talk bluntly about common grinds.

"I think it's good that Edmonton and Calgary kind of talk it out and have a similar position before going in and having a conversation with the provincial government," said Pincott.

"It's useful to have the cities that have two-thirds of the population on the same page."

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Wild ride stokes fiery flashbacks

WILDFIRE

Escape on horseback made national headlines

Darren Krause
Metro | Calgary

When Jada Polem swings into the saddle, she has flashbacks of the Fort McMurray wildfire.

Polem's story of a dramatic, 15 km ride to safety aboard her palomino quarter-horse mare, Mya, told first by Metro, made headlines across Canada as tens of thousands fled the northern Alberta disaster.

"Every time I'm riding any horse, as soon as I put my leg over, you get that quick flashback of going straight, but as soon as you look behind you everything's just up in flames," said Polem.

"It's flashbacks every time you do something that's involved with the fire, whether it was driving out or riding out."

The day before the fire her family moved their three horses from the Clearwater Horse Club to a campground on the north side of Fort McMurray. But the winds shifted, and by Tuesday they had to move the horses again.

But with the evacuation underway and fire bearing down, no horse trailers could get through to help. They had a trailer only big enough for two horses, and the only way to get Mya out was to ride.

Polem said the horses were anxious and knew tensions were high. When they returned to Fort McMurray after the fire, riding through the fields around home the horses were still unsettled.

"The smell of home is here, but they can still sense that something's happened and things have changed," Polem said.

The 17-year-old, soon-to-be high school graduate said having a year to reflect on the fire, her harrowing escape and what lies ahead for the community has given her a new perspective on things.

Prior to the fire starting, Polem said she was making summer plans with family and friends. She recalled the Saturday prior as just another hot, summer day. Within a day, smoke and flames started showing. "That's when everything changed," she said. "You literally live day by day. This year you almost expect something to happen because you're feeling so prone to something happening."

Jada Polem and her quarter-horse, Mya. Polem fled the Fort McMurray wildfire on Mya's back during last year's wildfire. CONTRIBUTED

Polem said every day things are inching back to normal. When Metro spoke with Polem, the day of the one-year anniversary of the fire, she said there was a noticeable tension. People still talk quite frequently of the fire — some more than others — but it's always in the back of people's minds. For her, riding has provided that daily routine that she can count on as the post-fire days pass by.

"Riding horses just makes it more settling. it's an everyday thing and you know that it feels more normal than not having (the horses) around," Polem said.

The horse community in her area will commemorate the Fort Mac wildfires with a barbecue and fellowship this weekend, looking back at those terrifying few days together, while plotting what lies ahead.

"I'm pretty OK with it. You've just got to accept it and realize that it did happen and you can't fix anything in the past."

PLANS

Polem will graduate from high school this year. Since school for last year's graduating class was abruptly ended, there are plans for a huge celebration for this year's grads, she said.

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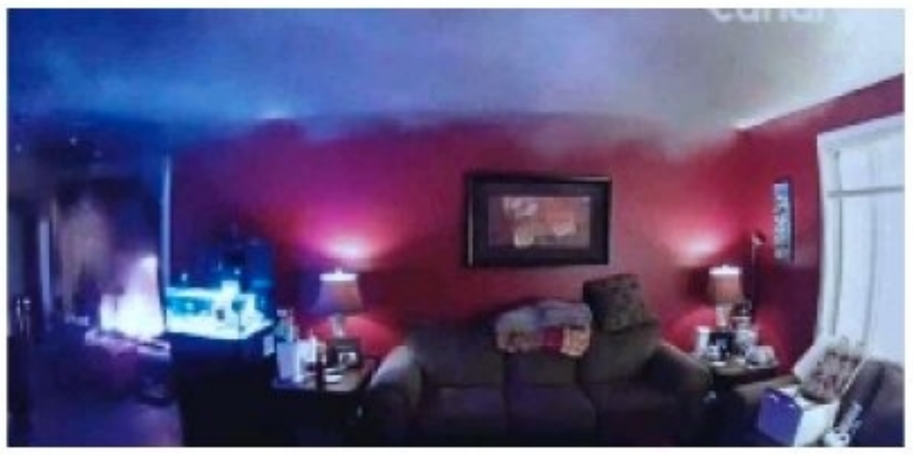

James O'Reilly, with his wife, Candace on vacation in Hawaii, above, watched via security camera as his Fort McMurray home went up in flames. When they travel, people know the video, he says. BOTH PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Man in viral video talks of rebuilding

WILDFIRE

Shocking security cam footage seen around world

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

A few months after losing their home in the Fort McMurray fire, James O'Reilly and his wife Candace took their first trip away to attend a wedding in Hawaii.

Someone asked them where they were from, and O'Reilly told them.

Then he mentioned the video.

"When people ask about the house and stuff, we can say, 'that was our video,' and they understand right away," he said, laughing.

"People as far away as Hawaii know the video, so it's interesting. It's a connection point with other people that's very easy."

'The video,' of course, is the security cam footage that allowed O'Reilly to watch, pulled over in his truck on a highway, as his home of two decades burned to the ground.

After first sharing his story with Metro, his video was shared worldwide, including in media across North America and Europe.

But, a year later, one of the people who hasn't seen the whole thing is O'Reilly's wife. Even he still gets a bit sad when re-watching things like their fish tank and the photos on the walls vanish behind clouds of smoke.

> **People as far away as Hawaii know the video.**
> James O'Reilly

"I think it'll be that way for awhile, there's a lot of things to look forward to, but it'll always take a while to get over that," he said. "I don't know how long it will take."

They did visit the site of the burned house — "it was more emotional than expected," O'Reilly said — and found not much more than scorched foundation and bits of metal.

Sifting through the ash they found the burnt collar of their dog, Maggie, who had died the month before the fire.

Now the rubble has been cleared, and their new house is well on its way.

Their lot is in the far corner of Abasand, a quiet spot in a cul-de-sac where their bedroom window will look out on the edge of the boreal forest.

But O'Reilly said he has no misgivings about going to the same spot — in fact he's looking forward to the peace and quiet.

"Honestly when you're that close, fire is always a possibility, I worried about it ever since we were in the house, but when I look back at this, there's always a chance."

"It's been really cool, seeing some people rebuild," he said. "It's hard not to be optimistic."

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CONSTRUCTION

Alberta wants builders to be licensed

Alberta is proposing legislation that would require builders of new homes be licensed so as to curb fly-by-night operators, end shoddy work and help consumers make choices.

"When Albertans buy a new home, they're making one of the biggest investments they'll ever make," Municipal Affairs Minister Shaye Anderson said Thursday. "We want to make sure that Albertans are protected."

If the bill passes, builders will need to be licensed by the province to construct new homes and condos, or to undertake renovations involving more than 75 per cent of a home's floor space.

The licence would set minimum standards and ensure builders were held accountable for their work.

The proposed law doesn't apply to those building their own homes.

Ryan Scott, president of the Canadian Home Builders' Association, said while many homebuilders are professional and responsible, "the ability to remove builders who demonstrate a proven, negative track record will be a benefit to every Albertan."

Protections would be in place during a phase-in period so that consumers having a house constructed by a builder who failed to qualify for a licence weren't left in the lurch. In such cases, there would be provisional licences granted to the builder, subject to conditions, for the project's completion.

The bill calls for department officials to rule on licence applications, focusing on a builder's work record, finances and corporate structure. They would also take into account the possibility of vexatious complaints.

Licences, once granted, could also be revoked. A builder could appeal a licence rejection to an arm's-length panel. Ontario, Quebec, and British Columbia already have similar licensing programs in place.

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Photographer Jeff McDonald took advantage of one fleeting moment to capture this powerful shot. COURTESY JEFF MCDONALD

Top in class: local photog

PHOTOGRAPHY

Calgarian Jeff McDonald named one of Canada's best

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Driving through Kanasaskis, Calgary photographer Jeff McDonald spotted a bear and her cub by the side of the road.

"We hung out with them for about a half an hour, but literally only five to 10 seconds she looked up at me and happened to have a dandelion in her mouth," McDonald recalled.

"I took the shot and she immediately glanced down, and I thought, 'oh please, please be there.'...It was pretty exciting to get the shot."

The picture, with the momma bear casually glancing up, is one of four that McDonald submitted to the Professional Photographers of Canada Image Salon awards. Over the weekend, McDonald placed second for best in class in portraiture and figure study.

"A lot of them (the other nominees) are master photographers," he said. "Just to be mentioned with them is quite an honour."

McDonald, who works primarily out of Calgary, started pursuing photography professionally in 2005, taking shots of skydiving work.

He soon found a passion in photographing people — just a little closer to the ground. He spent the better part of the last decade honing his portrait skills, working for organizations like Make Fashion, Sage Theatre, Pumphouse Theatres and even Scotiabank.

Working with a Canon 5D Mark II camera, McDonald feels the main challenge in portrait photography is lighting — how it settles and interacts, and posing your subject within it.

Of course, it doesn't hurt that his wife is a special effects makeup artist — one of the photos that helped him land second place was of a body-paint experiment his wife worked on.

McDonald's work can be found at http://www.mcdonaldphoto.ca.

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Metal band devoted to Simpsons hero playing Calgary

Aaron Chatha
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Hi diddly ho neighborinos! Ned-core metal band Okilly Dokilly is making a stop in Calgary on their national tour this weekend.

What started as a joke between two friends has taken on a life of its own, as Okilly Dokilly is a band inspired by the Ned Flanders catchphrase from the Simpsons.

Every band member dresses up like Ned Flanders, down to the sweater, glasses and moustache, and their songs are made up of 75 per cent Flanders quotes.

They're also very heavy metal.

"We kind of followed our own laughter," said bandleader Head Ned. "Just the fact he's so friendly, putting him in front of a metal band — Flanders was the antithesis of the rock star, death-metal front man."

The band is comprised of Head Ned, Red Ned, Thread Ned, Stead Ned and Bled Ned.

In November, they released their debut album, Howdilly Doodilly, which includes tracks like White Wine Spritzer, Godspeed Little Doodle and Nothing At All.

The mashup of metal and Flanders, especially with their Flanders-esque photoshoots, have turned the band into a viral sensation.

> **Just the fact he's so friendly, putting him in front of a metal band — Flanders was the antithesis of the rock star, death-metal front man.**
> Bandleader Head Ned

Head Ned said their concerts bounce between very heavy guitar riffs, to jokes and quotes. At the Calgary concert, they'll have a homemade T-shirt cannon (in reference to Flander's late wife Maude) which they'll fire into the crowd, and an inflatable donut to toss around.

It's the type of show where it's not uncommon for the crowd to yell, "Shut up stupid Flanders!"

Head Ned said he's very surprised by the band's success — initially he thought they would only last for a few small, local shows — but he's even more surprised by the lack of response from Simpsons network Fox.

"We thought the cease-and-desist letter was going to be in the mail the minute we hit 100 likes on Facebook," he laughed. "It's always in the back of our head, and if it happens we've accepted it 100 times over, but the letter still hasn't shown up."

As Ned once said, you can spend a little less time on your back and more time on your knees during the Okilly Dokilly concert at Dickens Pub on May 6.

Head Ned, Red Ned, Thread Ned, Stead Ned and Bled Ned comprise Okilly Dokilly, who will be performing in Calgary. COURTESY OKILLY DOKILLY

Cast's Canuck roots

INTERVIEW

Dark Matter's Melissa O'Neil and Roger Cross talk growing up

Melissa O'Neil and Roger Cross, from Dark Matter, at the Calgary Expo. AARON CHATHA / METRO

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Before joining the sprawling cast of Dark Matter, actors Melissa O'Neil and Roger Cross grew up as regular Canadian kids. O'Neil, a Calgary-native, went on to win Canadian Idol and become an actress, while Cross is known for a number of sci-fi series, including Continuum. Metro caught up with the pair at the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo.

What's it like working with such a large ensemble cast on Dark Matter?
O'Neil: Its awesome.
Cross: We have a blast, and you can share the load, in a sense. It's great. I think we have pretty good chemistry, if I do say so myself. It's just good when you can go to work and have a fun cast.
O'Neil: And at this point, it feels like we're coming home. There's a crew that we love and a set we're all familiar with. It's always good to see each other after — it's like a summer break, then back to school and we're shooting again.

Melissa, as a Calgary kid, what role did the city play in shaping you as an actress and a person?
O'Neil: I grew up in the northeast, so Falconridge is a huge part of my identity. We all know what that's like. Growing up there, you have this sense of pride about emerging from that community.
Cross: It gives you an edge.
O'Neil: Yeah, just a little bit of bite to ya. But, I feel like the downtown core and the way Calgary has transformed, the Calgary people know now is certainly not the 16-year-old kid growing up in the suburbs. But the community I grew up in, all the different schools — I went to like three different elementaries, a couple of junior highs. The teachers, the friends I made growing up, obviously my parents and my family, it's a big part of my fabric. And growing up with the mountains — that doesn't leave you.

And Roger, although you were born in Jamaica, you moved to Canada at 11 – how did that affect you?
Cross: We are the sum of our parts, you know. Our accomplishments, our experiences, all of it. It was great to move from Jamaica, which is a very multicultural place, to Vancouver, which is also very multicultural. You have everyone from East Indians to Asians to blacks to whites, all socializing and being together. You realize it's not like that everywhere, so being able to be there and enjoy life, and be nice to people, and have people be nice to you, it's a great thing. It helps you going forward. I think I was blessed to have those experiences. So, thank you, mama.

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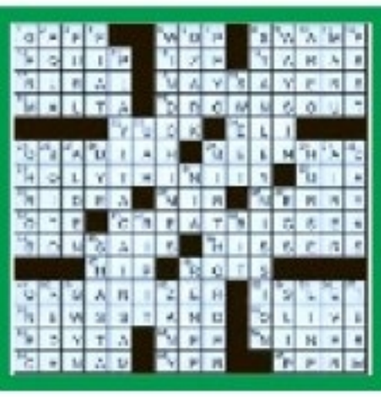

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Gay man fears being deported

WINNIPEG

Refugee board to determine the fate of Egyptian man

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Samer Habib has applied for refugee status and will testify at the Immigration and Refugee Board Friday to determine whether he's allowed to stay in Canada. JESSICA BOTELHO-URBANSKI/METRO

Samer Habib is acting calm considering his future in Canada is being decided by a complete stranger this week.

"At this point, there's not much I can do," he said Wednesday, sitting cross-legged on the lawn in front of the University of Winnipeg with his boyfriend, Giovanny Penner. "It's out of my control. So there's no point in stressing out because I just have to be mentally prepared for Friday."

A member of the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) will decide Habib's fate Friday in a hearing via video conference.

Habib, 23, is terrified of being deported back to Egypt once his passport expires in June.

If he returns, he said he'd have to join the military and fears being prosecuted because he's gay.

"I don't feel like I want to serve in the military because the country itself — the environment and the government — is against my beliefs. Like, I don't think I should be protecting a country or government that's looking to kill or imprison gay men," he said.

"(If) they suspect, for example, that I'm gay...if they just hear a rumour, if they sense from the way I walk or the way I talk or whatever it is, that's where I could be jailed. That's where I could be tortured or beaten up. And my life would just be over at that point."

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Habib came to Winnipeg in 2011 and studied business administration at the U of W, where he now works for campus living.

Last month, he filed a refugee claim as a last resort once he learned his permanent residency application may not be approved before his passport expires.

Penner, 19, will testify on his boyfriend's behalf and said he is "extremely nervous" for the IRB member's verdict.

"This one person could be going through a bad day and ruin someone's life with the stroke of a pen," he said.

But Habib's immigration lawyer Bashir Khan said he's feeling "extremely confident" about his client's chances of staying, thanks in part to a new set of rules instated by the IRB this week.

Guideline 9 protects LGBTQ refugee claimants from inappropriate questioning by IRB members, outlining appropriate language and questions to be asked about sexual orientation, gender identity and expression (SOGIE).

"It basically directs the mind of the adjudicating board member to go to the heart of the matter, rather than beat about the bush by asking questions that are either inappropriate or irrelevant to the central question of whether someone is gay and whether their safety is in danger," Khan said.

Khan — who's worked on about 30 LGBTQ-related cases this year — said in the past, IRB members have prodded about sexual practices and asked claimants questions like, "How often have you made love?"

Trump riding high on health-vote win

OBAMACARE

Legislation fulfills U.S. president's election pledge

Donald Trump congratulates Paul Ryan Thursday after legislation was passed aimed at repealing and replacing Obamacare. It must still past the Senate. GETTY IMAGES

U.S. President Donald Trump is celebrating the passage of the House Republican health care bill, saying he is confident it will get through the Senate.

Flanked by Republican lawmakers in the Rose Garden on Thursday, Trump called former president Barack Obama's health care law a "catastrophe" and called the GOP bill "a great plan."

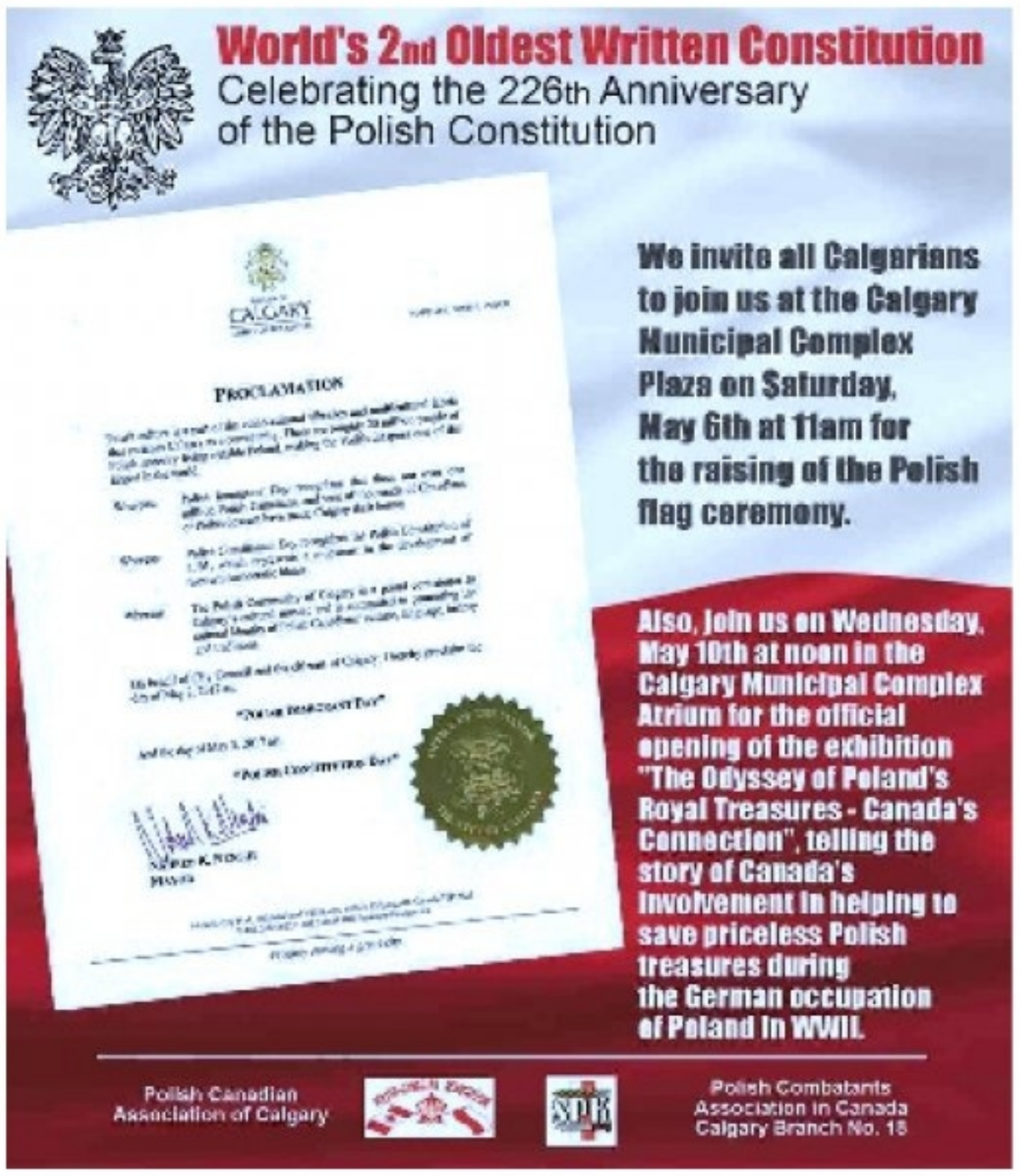
Trump delayed his first trip home to New York as president to celebrate House passage of legislation undoing much of Obama's health law, a long-sought GOP goal and top Trump campaign promise.

House leaders came through with the votes to give Trump a major political victory more than a month after Republicans' first attempt to pass a health care bill went down in a humiliating defeat. The legislation now heads to the Senate.

The developments pushed back Trump's first-time meeting with Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull by several hours.

Manhattan is where Trump made a name by transforming himself from real-estate developer into a celebrity businessman and now president. He hasn't set foot in the city since leaving on Jan. 19 for Washington to be inaugurated into office the following day.

During the campaign, Trump would fly thousands of miles back to New York City to sleep in his own bed, leaving the impression that he would make frequent trips home after he became president. But Trump said last week that he so far has avoided returning to the city of his birth because the trips are expensive for the government and would inconvenience New Yorkers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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With new tech such as gene-editing system CRISPR, some scientists are working to resurrect creatures like the woolly mammoth, extinct about 4,000 years. **But should we bring them, or anything, back? Here's a look at the debate:**

Bring it!

Proponents of "de-extinction" include Harvard biologist **George Church** and **Stewart Brand**, founder of Revive & Restore, a "genetic rescue" foundation.

Scientists at R&R's Woolly Mammoth Revival project are figuring out how to modify Asian elephants to make them more like mammoths, until, after many generations, they essentially are mammoths. (Mammoth DNA is readily available, preserved in permafrost, for reference).

Believers in de-extinction think it could transform ecosystems for the better. Mammoths, the theory goes, could graze in the Arctic. This could help tundra return grasslands and help keep permafrost frozen, absorbing more carbon and mitigating climate change.

Finally, de-extinction, like going to Mars, arguably generates wonder and excitement about science's possibilities.

Maybe not!

Ecologist **Douglas McCauley** is skeptical. He loves the idea of meeting a mammoth in real life. He's just afraid de-extinction will turn species into curiousities, seen only in "zoo-like" contexts. If the mammoth does return, he said, "I want it doing its ecological thing in nature."

However, the Arctic ecosystems where mammoths roamed have changed over millennia, McCauley said. Mammoths could become "ecological zombies," like an invasive species, depleting resources and disrupting the environment.

Then there's the cost: not just of bringing species back, but of caring for and managing the populations.

McCauley said it's far more cost-effective to invest in protecting living endangered species, though they're usually nowhere near as charismatic as the mammoth. "I see a lot of value in using the same (de-extinction) technologies to helping species that are almost extinct."

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Your week in science

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Until now, it was widely believed that ancient hunter-gatherers bit into their mammoth steaks with ease, never dealing with tooth decay until agriculture brought sugary and starchy foods into their diets. But a new study of modern-day hunter-gatherers has found many of them do have bad teeth despite their "paleo" diet.

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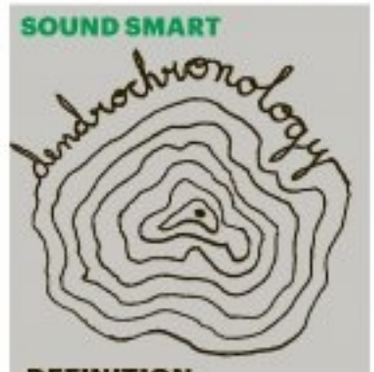

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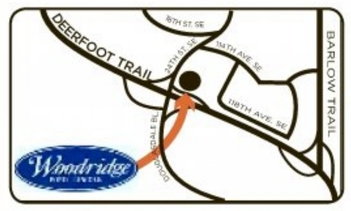

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Quick, give Yondu an Oscar

IN FOCUS

Our Guardians are back, and yes there is an emotional core

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Michael Rooker (on left), Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana and Bradley Cooper star in Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2, which is about a group of heroes hired by a race of aliens to protect valuable batteries from an inter-dimensional monster. CONTRIBUTED

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 opens with a battle scene that would not be out of place in almost any other superhero movie. The set-up has the Guardians — Peter Quill /Star-Lord (Chris Pratt), Gamora (Zoe Saldana), Drax the Destroyer (Dave Bautista) and Rocket (Bradley Cooper) — working for the Sovereigns, a thin-skinned race of aliens who have hired the heroes to protect valuable batteries from an inter-dimensional monster.

The action is as wild and woolly as we've come to expect from these big CGI extravaganzas, but the thing that sets the scene apart from all other superhero movies is the sheer, unbridled joy brought to the screen by Baby Groot (Vin Diesel), a tree-like being too small to take part in the fight. Instead he blissfully dances throughout to Mr. Blue Sky, the lush, Beatles-esque ELO song that underscores the sequence.

The scene and the movie brim with the missing element of so many other big superhero movies — fun.

"That's what we hoped to do," says star Michael Rooker, "bring back the fun. It was fun as hell doing it."

Rooker reprises his role as blue-skinned, red-finned mercenary Yondu. The former Walking Dead actor — he played Daryl's older brother Merle Dixon — jokes that his normal look, his handsomely craggy face, is actually make-up, and the Blue Man Group style we see in the movie is the face he was born with. "It takes four or five hours to get this on," he says, pulling at his cheek. "The real problem is getting the fin off."

Yondu's weapon of choice is a flying arrow made of special sound-sensitive metal he controls through whistling.

"Dude," he says, "everyone is digging that weapon." It's the character's trademark and Rooker laughs when remembering talking to director James Gunn about the role. "Man, I was glad I was able to whistle."

"The first time I got to whistle I did the melodic whistle... I hypnotized one of the aliens and then I shot out a piercing whistle. Yondu has different whistles."

One wild action sequence with Yondu's deadly arrow and set to '70s pop ditty Come a Little Bit Closer is a showstopper, an imaginatively staged set piece with a huge body count and just as many laughs.

"That whole sequence is very much like a western gun fight if you think about it," Rooker says. "You go out, and jacket pulled back, methodical, not fast. It is a total tribute."

In the scene he is accompanied by two computer-generated characters, Baby Groot and Rocket, a genetically engineered raccoon-based bounty hunter. Neither actually appeared on set while shooting, but Rooker says they were there in spirit.

"Because these movies use a lot of CGI they require your imagination to be fertile and open and ripe for seeding," he says. "I'm like, 'There is Baby Groot. He's over there and he's sopping wet...What have they done to him?' I talk to them like they were any other two characters."

Yondu may be a vicious, arrow-wielding mercenary but he's also the film's emotional core and James Gunn says people will be "surprised by Michael Rooker's performance. He deserves an Academy Award nomination. No joke."

What does Rooker think? "We'll see about that bro. I'm up for anything."

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2	★★★★
Jeremiah Tower: The Last Magnificent	★★★★
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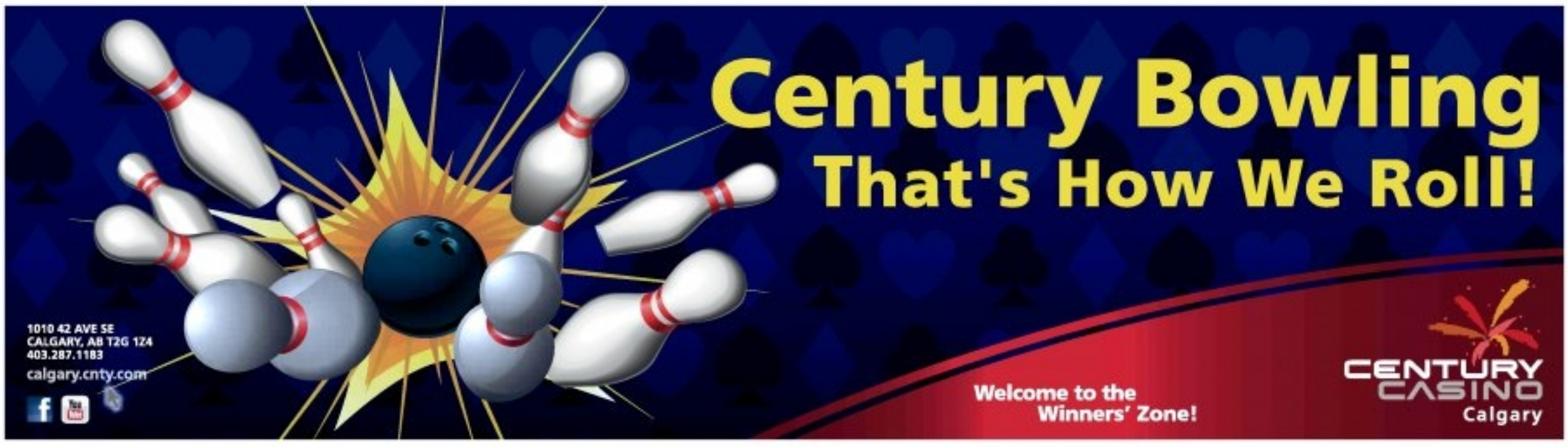

Family meals, social welfare and the dark side of lavish

A BIT MORE ABOUT THREE MOVIES OPENING THIS WEEKEND

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The Dinner

1 (Starring Richard Gere, Laura Linney, Steve Coogan and Rebecca Hall; written and directed by Oren Moverman; 120 minutes) — Like a Xavier Dolan movie written with acid ink, The Dinner serves up emotion and bile through a lavish family meal.

Writer/director Oren Moverman (The Messenger) bases it on Herman Koch's Dutch bestseller, moving the story stateside. Richard Gere stars as Stan, a slick U.S. congressman with gubernatorial ambitions; Steve Coogan is his estranged younger brother Paul, a history teacher with issues. Stan's wife is Katelyn (Rebecca Hall), evidently unhappy; Paul's wife is Claire (Laura Linney), unfathomably optimistic.

It's a recipe for indigestion as they convene at an upscale eatery to talk about their teenage sons, who committed a crime, revealed via flashbacks, that is serious enough to ruin lives and scuttle Stan's career.

When these four fine actors remain seated, arguing morality and family grievances, the tension commands attention. Moverman too often sabotages the drama by moving it outside with little impact, as when Stan and Paul make a side trip to Gettysburg.

Staying put, allowing Bobby Bukowski's colour-saturated and close-up lens to catch every morsel of swallowed rage, would have made a stronger film.

I, Daniel Blake

2 (Starring Dave Johns and Hayley Squires; directed by Ken Loach; 100 minutes; 14A) — "Say what things are like, because it not only breaks your heart, but it should make you angry," British filmmaker Ken Loach declared at last year's Cannes Film Festival, quoting the playwright Bertolt Brecht.

Loach, the 80-year-old lion of social realist cinema, does just that with I, Daniel Blake, the movie that earned him the Palme d'Or, his second. A surprise win of the top prize at Cannes 2016 — other films had been tipped to triumph — it now seems part and parcel of a worldwide populist uprising that includes the Brexit and Trump vote shocks.

Compassionate and often funny but unstinting in its critique of cold-hearted bureaucracy, I, Daniel Blake stars well-liked standup comedian Dave Johns and rising talent Hayley Squires. They play struggling citizens who become friends by chance and allies by conviction when an Orwellian welfare system forces them to take drastic survival measures.

Daniel and Katie (Johns and Squires) are intelligent and hard-working, but medical and family setbacks have left them both nearly destitute while unable to obtain sufficient social assistance. Katie and her kids Daisy (Briana Shann) and Dylan (Dylan McKiernan) were forced to leave family and friends and move north to blue-collar Newcastle from London, several hours' drive away, because no suitable public housing could be found in their hometown.

In scenes both wickedly satirical and heartbreaking — a food bank scene is devastating — Daniel and Katie are put through the wringer of a Byzantine and dehumanizing welfare bureaucracy. The system demands they look for work even if they're unable to do it (Daniel is under doctor's orders), with few options to change or even argue their plight.

Screenwriter Paul Laverty, Loach's longtime associate, based his fictional screenplay on real stories he gathered by interviewing people like Daniel and Katie across Britain.

He and Loach found what they were looking for. They've made a film of empathy, grace and wit that goes a long way to explaining the populist anger so emblematic of these times.

Jackie Boy

3 (Starring Alino Giraldi, Shannon Coulter; written and directed by Cody Campanale; 87 minutes) — There's an audacity about Jackie Boy that deserves a grudging respect.

Writer/director Cody Campanale's first feature is a very dark film and he demands a lot from his actors, particularly Alino Giraldi in the title role, who has to bare it all in more ways than one.

Giraldi is Jackie, a 20-something guy with too much money who overindulges in booze, drugs and sex. Especially sex.

So it's difficult to see Jackie beyond his excesses, except in the fleeting moments when he stares into the camera and you sense the wounded animal. Giraldi deserves top marks for pulling it off.

Campanale demonstrates a talent for interesting plotting and raw dialogue. The supporting cast is quite good, especially Edward Charette as bosom friend Kal.

But the film's darkness is almost too much to bear and it's hard to see anything redeeming in Jackie beyond a glimmer. Audiences may find that off-putting.

That said, there's enough promise here to anticipate Campanale's future endeavours with apprehension and pleasure.

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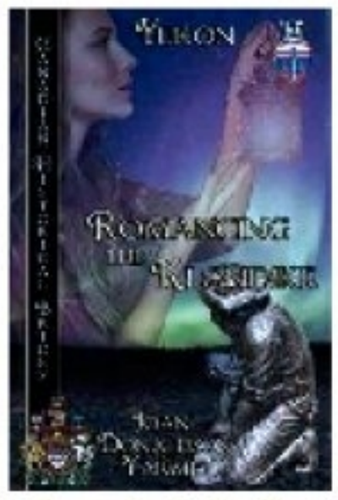

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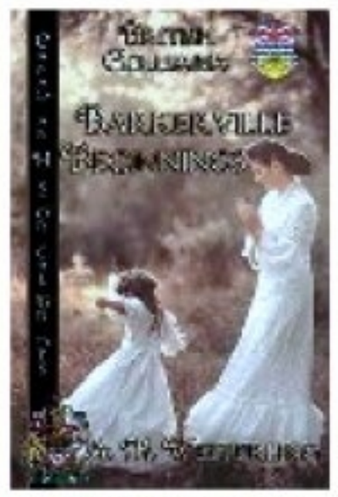

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A trendsetting Tower of talent: Jeremiah, the first celebrity chef

DOCUMENTARY

But pioneer now finds the term terribly overcooked

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

Jeremiah Tower didn't have his sights set on being a cuisine trailblazer when he began working in kitchens in 1972. CONTRIBUTED

It may not occupy most people's daily thoughts but without one specific person, there'd be no Rachael Ray, Anthony Bourdain or Gordon Ramsay.

In fact, it may be difficult to believe but there was a time before the requisite restaurant role was even given much respect. That is, until the "first celebrity chef" Jeremiah Tower came along.

"In 1972, I couldn't tell my grandmother I was working in a kitchen. She would've disowned me," recently laughed the legendary chef largely responsible for "revolutionizing the way Americans eat and dine" today.

The septuagenarian star of the new documentary Jeremiah Tower: The Last Magnificent may be the so-called "first celebrity chef," but his story is one of humble beginnings. After all, Tower's intent was hardly that of obtaining fame.

"It filled the restaurant and that was the point of it," admitted the one-time aspiring architect who drew celebrity status through his charisma as well as his cuisine. "The best thing was finally a mother could tell her friends that her son is a cook and feel proud instead of saying he's an accountant."

Tower's career began in the early '70s when he was casually hired at popular California bistro Chez Panisse, a successful stint that led to Stars, his own esteemed eatery that attracted celebrities, promoted dining as a form of entertainment and launched the concept of the open-kitchen.

"I just wanted to see everything and control everything," explained Tower of the now commonplace design. "It turned out to be this great idea but of course I had no idea at the time."

Tower's modesty may seem self-effacing but it's because cooking, not business, is his primary passion and art. Perhaps that's why the "father of American cuisine" (as Martha Stewart calls him) grew disillusioned and disappeared for 15 years before making a bittersweet rebound at Manhattan's notorious Tavern on the Green.

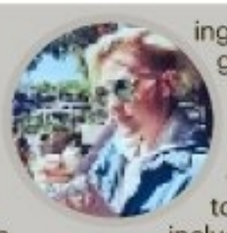
It's also why Tower gracefully grimaces when credited with creating the concept of "celebrity chefs." After all, with the food industry now saturated with misguided cuisiniers on television and the Internet, America's preeminent epicurean finds the whole moniker slightly overcooked.

"People showing off (bothers me)," said Tower, who doesn't observe much originality among today's celebrities.

"It's about being a good cook — knowing what makes great ingredients, what to do with them, and how to present them (and) to have the courage to be your own person."

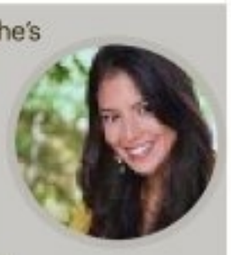
THE NEW CELEBRITY CHEFS

If Jeremiah Tower insists celebrity chefs "have the courage to be your own person," then there's a bright future for at least these three celebrity food stars from the digital world:



Hannah Hart: With her popular My Drunk Kitchen series on YouTube, the California-based comedian/chef has become a sensation by blending laughs and liquor and getting crocked when she's cooking.

Harley Morenstein: Canada's contribution to online gastronomy includes the Montreal-based creator behind Epic Meal Time — a popular series that creates high-caloric confections like Cheeseburger Baklava and the All-Meat Lasagna.



Vani Hari: She's not a chef per se, but the "food babe" has become equally as famous by using her online status to promote healthy eating. And it's working — Time magazine named her one of the most influential people on the web today. STEVE GOW/METRO

CELEBRITY LUNCH

Hi, is this sandwich Taken?

A sandwich shop in New Westminster, B.C., is proving that even an A-list actor can't resist the lure of free food.

Alex Johrden, spokesman for Big Star Sandwich Co., says staff heard about a movie filming in the area and decided to put a sign outside the restaurant on Tuesday that said "Liam Neeson eats here for free," hoping the action hero would stop by.

Hours later, Neeson walked in. Johrden says the star used the gruff voice he made famous in the Taken movies and said "Where's my sandwich?"

He says Neeson posed for photos, but didn't stop to eat.

Neeson is in B.C. filming Hard Powder where he plays an honest snowplow driver whose son is murdered by a local drug kingpin.

The film previously made headlines when Parks Canada denied crews permission to film in Alberta's mountains, saying there were concerns about the plot, which features an indigenous gang leader.

Staff at Big Star Sandwich Co. are hoping Neeson will come back for a bite while he's in town.

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Liam Neeson arrives at Big Star. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO

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Twist of fate ignites unlikely friendship

Zahed Haftlang saved Najah Aboud's life during the Iran-iraq War in 1980s, only to be reunited with him in Vancouver two decades later. CONTRIBUTED

INTERVIEW

Canadian doc explores battlefield and brotherhood

They fought on opposite sides of the Iran-Iraq War in the 1980s, where one saved the other's life on the battlefield. Zahed Haftlang and Najah Aboud didn't see each other again for some two decades — until a couple of twists of fate brought them together in Vancouver and ignited a friendship.

Their ongoing journey is the focus of My Enemy, My Brother, which is making its world premiere at Toronto's Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival.

"It's a positive film, particularly in light of the Trump travel ban," says Ann Shin of Toronto, who directed the film. "It's great to have stories like these come to light."

My Enemy, My Brother expands on a short documentary Shin made on the duo with the same title two years ago. It was nominated for an Emmy Award and shortlisted for an Oscar.

As the story goes, Iranian-born Haftlang ran away from home at age 13 to join the army, while Aboud of Iraq was conscripted to fight in the war in his late teens, leaving behind his wife and son.

On the battlefield, Haftlang found Aboud critically injured in a bunker and decided to save him and take him to a military hospital. Aboud was taken as a prisoner of war, while Haftlang suffered from deep depression.

Coincidentally, both would end up living in Vancouver, where Haftlang was a mechanic and Aboud ran a moving company.

They didn't realize they were in the same city until they happened to meet each other in a waiting room about a decade ago.

She first came into the project five years ago when she read a newspaper article about Aboud and Haftlang and sought them out in Vancouver, where her parents live.

"I sat down to tea and I heard their story, which was crazy," she recalls. "It was 17 years of war, being a prisoner of war, and then finding each other miraculously in Canada."

This new feature-length version of My Enemy, My Brother expands on the short doc by travelling to the Middle East with the two subjects as they try to reconnect with their loved ones amid present-day conflicts.

"Najah and Zahed's story has inspired me from the start about how you can rise above your own circumstances — how you may be told, you may be trained to see a person as an enemy or as a threat but on the battlefield, these men overcame that and it's always moved me," says Shin.

"Even now the way they are with each other and the way they support one another, it just inspires me to see the best of humanity and the best about our country, Canada, where this can happen, and really shows these two men of Muslim background in a really positive light."

Hot Docs runs through May 7 with a total of 230 titles from 58 countries.

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ACTIVISM

Van Jones signs up with Jay Z

Van Jones is hoping to boost his activist work with Jay Z's Roc Nation firm. AP PHOTO

Trying to bridge the partisan divide remains Van Jones' vision even if it was the source of one of his roughest moments on CNN.

Jones, host of The Messy Truth who announced his affiliation with Jay Z's Roc Nation management firm on Thursday, took heat from fellow liberals for praising President Trump's salute to the widow of a Navy SEAL in a speech before Congress on Feb. 28. Trump "became president of the United States in that moment," Jones said.

From the reaction, you would have thought that the Yale-educated lawyer who was drummed out of the Obama administration by Republican critics had joined the Freedom Caucus. The liberal website the Daily Kos called it the type of punditry "that was partially responsible for the election of a man who is a clear and present danger for America."

Jones had a more direct confrontation on a New York City street, with a man who accused him of trying to be even-handed at a time of good vs. evil.

Jones believes the flap was a product of clickbait culture and the raw feelings of Democrats.

"It showed some of the insecurities and anxieties of the liberals who were convinced that if even one pundit said one kind thing about Trump than we'd have Hitler, that everything was at stake, and any kind of nuance was just the road to fascism in America," Jones said. "When you're in that kind of mind state, then you jump at a lot of shadows."

Jones was perhaps the most memorable media figure of election night last fall, both for his discussion of a "whitelash" that helped Trump and an electric confrontation with former Trump campaign manager and then-CNN analyst Corey Lewandowski ("Corey, you're a horrible person right now"). Jones hasn't seen or talked to Lewandowski since that night.

He has a more respectful relationship with Jeffrey Lord, CNN's current Trump point-person. "He amazes me with the creativity of his nonsense," Jones said.

His activist goals explain the new affiliation with Roc Nation, where he hopes to give more attention to work that isn't talked about much on cable TV. He works on several initiatives: helping young people from underrepresented backgrounds find work in the tech sector, helping train San Quentin inmates for media work, fighting pollution to water supplies and other areas that affect families, and seeking to reduce the prison population. He'll soon announce a national tour for his "Love Army" movement.

Jones inspires the dialogue that is necessary for making change, said Jay Z, adding Roc Nation is honoured to support his initiatives.

"Van's immense capacity for empathy builds bridges," he said.

Sounds like the groundwork for accomplishments that can fuel a political career, right?

"Oh, hell no," Jones said, "because I've seen the biggest job up close and it takes people that have a different skill set than I have." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CELEBRITY

Cyrus going clean, falls for fiancé again

Miley Cyrus says she's "completely clean" after giving up marijuana.

Cyrus told Billboard magazine that she hadn't smoked marijuana in three weeks. She says that's the longest she's ever gone without it.

Cyrus also opened up about her relationship with fiancé Liam Hemsworth. She says they had to "refall for each other" after their 2013 breakup.

The 24-year-old also discussed her performance at the MTV Video Music Awards in 2013. A scantily clad Cyrus shocked audiences with a rump-shaking performance alongside Robin Thicke. But she says she wasn't looking for attention by twerking on stage and was surprised by the reaction. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Miley Cyrus THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STREAMING

Canadians dial in for even more music

Blasting songs through a smartphone is becoming an increasingly popular habit for Canadian music fans.

A new survey by Nielsen Music Canada found that about 53 per cent of listeners said they play their favourite tunes on their phone in a typical week. That represents growth of 19 percentage points from a year ago, driven in part by the popularity of streaming music services.

The data comes as part of Nielsen's broader study of listening habits in its annual "Canada Music 360" survey.

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On average, respondents said they played 32 hours of music weekly, about eight hours more than last year.

Among other key findings, the survey showed that audiences are spending more time with music.

Only a quarter of Canadian respondents said they played a compact disc in a typical week.

But Nielsen found 64 per cent of respondents still tuned into a terrestrial radio station in the early part of this year.

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Eminem's publisher sues over 'Lose Yourself Lite'

COPYRIGHT

Composer says New Zealand political party ripped off riff

The composer of the opening guitar riff for Eminem's Lose Yourself says the soundtrack of a New Zealand political ad is a "blatant rip-off."

Jeff Bass told the High Court in Wellington on Tuesday that the song titled "Eminem Esque" that was used by the ruling National Party during its 2014 election campaign sounds like "Lose Yourself Lite."

But, he added, "It doesn't taste so good, though."

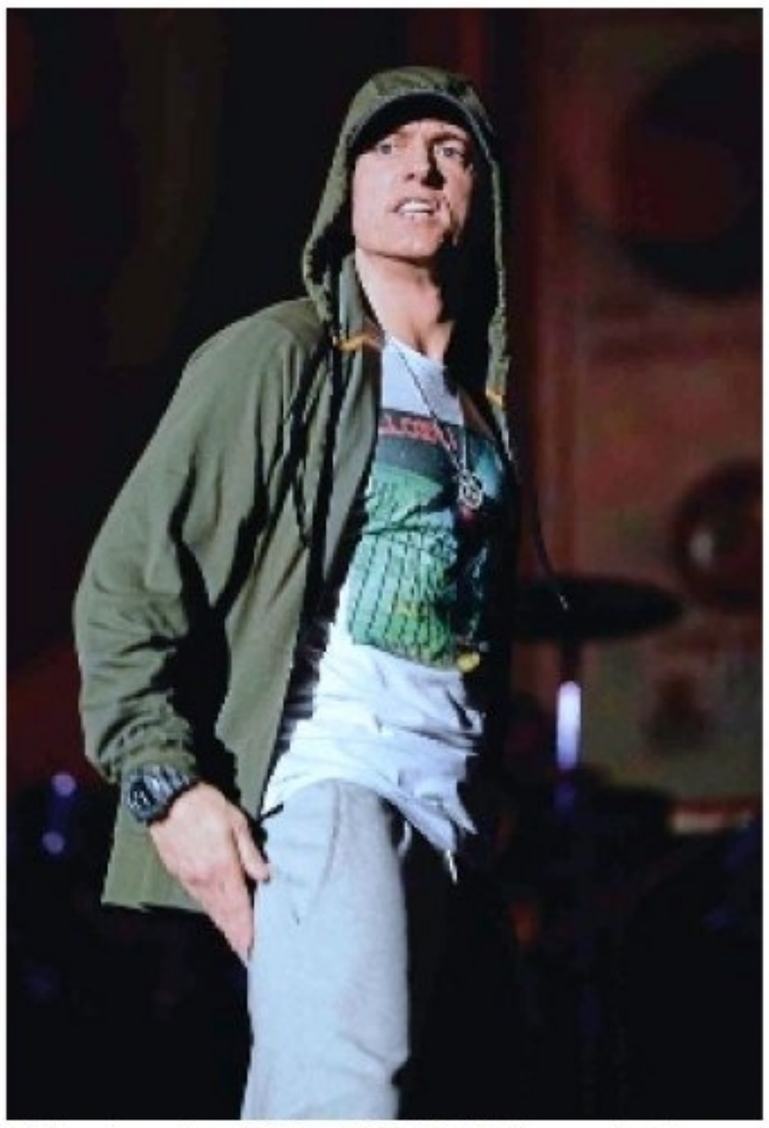
Eminem's music publishers Eight Mile Style sued the National Party over its use of the song. The judge-only copyright infringement case started Monday and is expected to last about six days.

The party has previously said it purchased the soundtrack for its TV ad from an Australian-based music supplier and doesn't believe it has infringed anyone's copyright.

Bass, who lives near Detroit and travelled to New Zealand to testify, picked up an acoustic guitar and strummed the famous riff that opens the Oscar-winning 2002 song in front of eight lawyers and a judge in the courtroom.

He said he wrote the song with Eminem and Luis Resto over 18 months.

"I picked up a guitar and started playing that opening guitar chord," he said. "At that time, I didn't know if it was a song or not."



Eminem's music publishers Eight Mile Style are suing the National Party in New Zealand for ripping off Lose Yourself.
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He said Eminem, a.k.a. Marshall Mathers III, put together a drum track but then they got stuck.

"It took him a number of months to author the perfect lyrics that were just right for the beat," Bass said.

He said they finished as Eminem completed work on his film 8 Mile.

"It really developed in a little studio we had set up in his trailer," Bass said.

He said Resto replaced some of the guitar elements with keyboards in order to remove some of the rock feel of the song without losing the hip hop tone.

> **Being that it's a blatant rip off, yes.**
> Jeff Bass when asked if Eminem Esque was musically inferior to Lose Yourself

Defence lawyers argue the musical composition of the song isn't particularly original. One of them asked Bass if he considered the soundtrack Eminem Esque to be musically inferior.

"Being that it's a blatant rip-off, yes," Bass responded.

The lawyer asked if it was weaker because it was different. "It doesn't feel like Lose Yourself?," the lawyer asked.

"It doesn't feel like me playing 'Lose Yourself,'" Bass said.

The lawyer asked Bass if he'd agree that the Led Zeppelin song "Kashmir" has a similar chord pattern.

"No. None whatsoever," Bass responded.

Judge Helen Cull asked Bass if the guitar strum he'd performed in the courtroom was common.

Bass said that while he'd heard those chords played before, he'd never heard them in that particular rhythm. He said that by putting an accent on the third beat it was as if he was playing guitar and drums at the same time.

"The intention was to create a tense, hypnotic feeling," Bass said. "It starts playing, and never goes away. Along with that drum beat, it actually will hypnotize you, where you are feeling that something's going to happen."

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Defining free speech on campus

Universities are supposed to be places where debates happen about anything and everything, with no restrictions on academic freedom. On the other hand, higher education has traditionally excluded people from marginalized groups, such as women, ethnic minorities, poor people and LGBT people. It's a tough line to walk, as recent demonstrations, clashes, and cancelled events at campuses across Canada and in the U.S. have demonstrated. We brought together three viewpoints on the thorny issue of limitations to free speech. **GENNA BUCK/METRO**

DENIO LOURENCO

Lourenco is the LGBTQ co-ordinator at U of T Mississauga student union. CONTRIBUTED

What we are witnessing at U of T and other campuses in Canada and the U.S. are students who are making it clear that racism, transphobia, Islamophobia, and ableism will not be tolerated in educational environments where students are paying tens of thousands of dollars to learn and launch their careers.

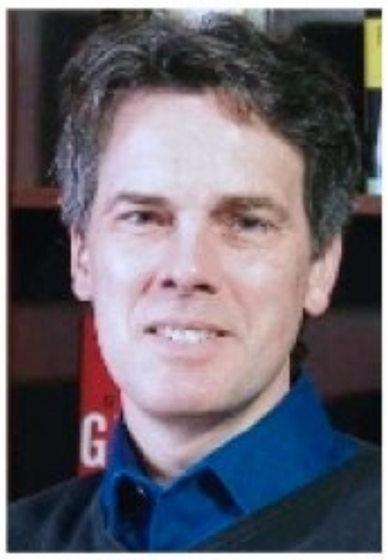
While we believe that higher education institutions should be places where people can share different ideas and opinions, there are limitations to that – when classrooms are transformed into hostile learning environments.

Language can be constituted as violence because when used in a violent manner, it causes pain. Not to mention the potential effect of producing physical violence.

We need to challenge this myth that people like (University of Toronto psychology professor Jordan Peterson, who has drawn ire for saying he won't address transgender and non-binary people by their preferred pronouns) are making valuable contributions to academia. Peterson admits that he has limited knowledge on gender, theories of gender, or experience with trans people. What he's actually discussing is his own personal opinion, which is rooted in prejudice.

Ten months ago I would have defined the phrase "free speech" as the right to express an idea or opinion without censorship so long as that speech does not threaten or discriminate against a person or group. However, **today, "free speech" has been used as a tool to disguise and protect people's hatred and personal prejudices.**

STEPHEN HICKS



Hicks is Professor of philosophy at Rockford U. CONTRIBUTED

If we're devoting university funds to something, we should be inviting people who are scholars. Someone like Ann Coulter? I'm not going to be inclined, as a nerd academic, to invite that person. But if that person is invited, I'd tell my students: "Here's her point. It's out there. Part of your education is to be aware of it." If she's really bad, we should be able to out-argue her. **Part of life is learning that your views are going to be challenged. You're going to be offended. That's character education.**

(When it comes to freedom of speech on campus), it is always the worst case you have to defend: porn, neo-Nazis, people doing very offensive things in the art world with crucifixes. Even if you find them disagreeable or repugnant, we handle things in an open fashion. University should teach you to make nuanced judgments.

There's something important going on here, in the intellectual world. **Influential intellectuals argue there's no such thing as truth, rationality or objectivity. And if in a deep way you believe that, you stop trying to reach the truth and be rational.** Any tactic or strategy to get your group's view to prevail (becomes okay).

The broadest label for this is postmodernism. These ideas on speech are a pretty explicit part of that: If you don't think that speech is a tool we use for capturing our understanding of the world objectively and communicating it clearly, then you don't treat speech as something that's about civil debate. Speech becomes a weapon that is being used against 'our' interests. If you think there only are your views, and everyone else is Hitler, that's a problem with you. You're not an educated mind yet.

ZACHARY STRONG

Youth leader Strong is a recent McMaster U grad. CONTRIBUTED

People who invite speakers like Milo Yiannoupoulos aren't doing themselves any favours. **Dialogue has to go both ways, and inviting someone provocative in the name of "free speech" doesn't help the cause.** For speakers like Jordan Peterson, who actually has articulate commentary to offer, that's a different case entirely.

Part of university is learning to engage with tough ideas. If you try to shut down things you don't agree with, you lose out on actually understanding someone else's opinion. Usually there's a question and answer period where you can ask tough questions of the speaker. Being able to construct arguments and advocate for what you believe in is really important.

Students and young people now are not allowed to fail and deal with negative emotions. When they get into a situation where they have to confront ideas that they really don't agree with, it's actually really distressing.

I think students' attitudes toward university have also changed. University is more of a transactional thing now, where students go to school for a degree, not an experience. And universities let the experience be transactional. I don't think they really push students outside of their comfort zone anymore. I think they're afraid of getting bad press.

If these kids can't learn to grapple with tough ideas and reach compromise, when they become our politicians and our business leaders, they will be woefully unequipped to deal with actual challenges.

All interviews have been edited and condensed for brevity.

Making a case for gender parity on ballot, in book

POLITICS

Co-founder of U.K. Women's Equality Party pens manifesto

Catherine Mayer says a level playing field for women to succeed doesn't lie solely with pursuing political power. HANDOUT

Catherine Mayer says there is not a single country that has achieved gender parity, but creating a level playing field for women to succeed doesn't lie solely with pursuing political power.

"The mechanisms that are holding women down are interlocking and you can't — just by putting more women into politics — you can't actually create change," said Mayer, co-founder of the non-partisan U.K-based Women's Equality Party.

"You have to look at things like the media environment that continually either diminishes the idea of what women can be, or in other ways, finds ways to make us anxious about who we are and to turn our energies inward. So, we have to find ways to change that."

In Attack of the Fifty Foot Women: How Gender Equality Can Save the World! (HarperCollins) the author and journalist cites many of the same core objectives touted by the Women's Equality Party, or WE, as a potential road map to achieving parity.

Pursuit in equality in education, pay, caregiving and bringing an end to violence against women are party tenets. They are also measures echoed in Mayer's book as examples that will not only lead to the betterment for women but society overall.

Mayer paid a visit to Iceland, which has long been heralded for its progressive attitudes towards women. She spoke to many locals who gave their accounts of the Women's Day Off as a key turning point in recognizing the vital role women played within the country. On Oct. 24, 1975, all women walked away from their jobs and unpaid caregiving duties, leading production in all spheres to come to a halt.

"For that one day, the men suddenly realized how much the women contribute," said Mayer. "It didn't turn it into a gender-equal country overnight, but it kickstarted the process."

She writes of measures and social supports Iceland has instituted such as shared parental leave, and high-enough salaries to incentivize fathers to stay home with the kids, helping mothers to continue to participate in the labour force.

"They're still nowhere near total equality. There's still gender-based violence, there's still a gender pay gap, there's still segregation in the job market. But they are much further along," said Mayer. "The way people interact is so noticeably different, and the confidence with which women present themselves; but also the ease with which men deal with manifestations of female power are completely different.

"The biggest thing of all is that men understand that it's part of the same project. They see that they, too, benefit from everyone being more equal."

Mayer's WE Party proposes a strategy to increase female representation in the U.K. Parliament by ensuring 66 per cent of candidates vying for office are women. She had high praise for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's decision to have a gender-equal cabinet, and dismissed those touting meritocracy over measurable targets to bring women on board.

"That's such nonsense when people argue that because there is a quota operating in favour of mediocrity at that moment," she said.

Mayer said she has met men during her U.K. promotional events who have told her they purchased the book for their wives, but had not recognized they, too, could value from its lessons.

"This is my next obsession, actually, is how to get men onboard, but how to get men onboard in a very real way."

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SENIOR CITIZENS

Women live long, but it's getting lonely

At age 80, Ada Garrison finds herself at a new beginning.

Six months ago she had been living alone in a two-bedroom apartment. Her 54-year-old daughter and grandson were in the unit below but she saw them rarely, as was the case with her two sons, one of whom lives in New York.

"I felt isolated," Garrison admits of that time. "My kids were real busy and I could hear them; that was lovely, but the social time with them was skimpy."

The sociable grandmother moved to a retirement home where she now finds herself "cheek by jowl" with other seniors in an atmosphere she likens to living in a college dormitory. She takes classes and goes on group outings.

Her new daily imperative: make new friends and live life to the fullest.

Garrison is part of a growing group of single senior Canadian women who are redefining what it means to age alone. Their ranks are swelling, according to 2016 census data.

Since people are living longer and women tend to outlive men, females have long had to cope with standing alone as they grew old.

Among Canadians aged 85 and older, there were nearly two women for every man in 2016, Statistics Canada found last year. For centenarians, whose ranks grew at a staggering rate of 41.3 per cent, the ratio was five to one.

In 2001, there were 2.3 women for every man in the 85-and-over group, Statistics Canada said Wednesday. In 2016, that ratio was down to 1.87.

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In 2001, there were 2.3 women for every man in the 85-and-over group. In 2016, that ratio was 1.87. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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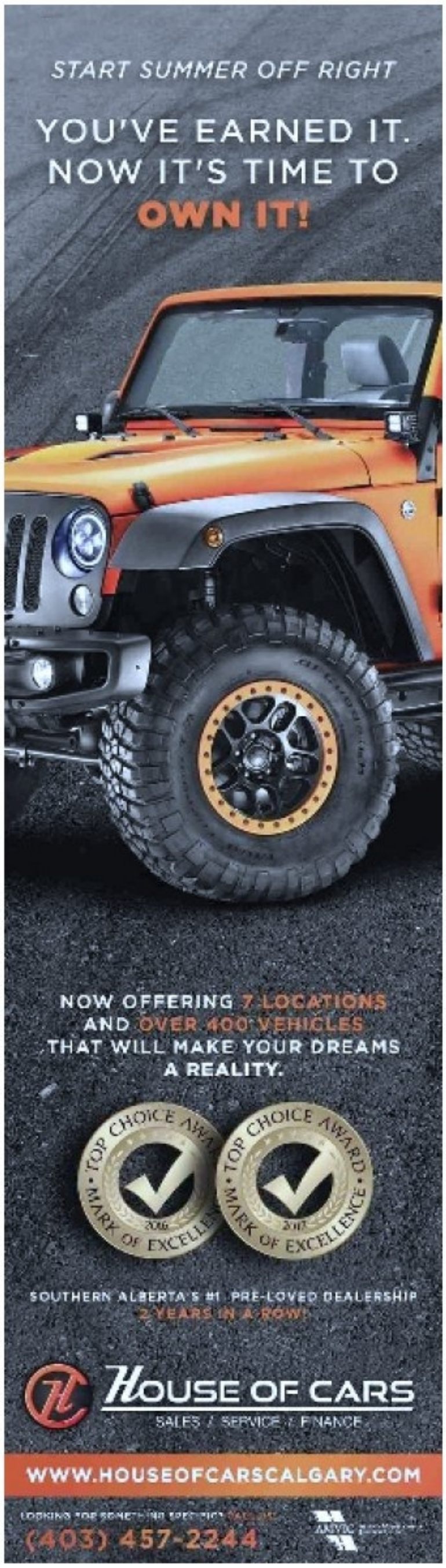
The number of elderly Canadians is soaring — a 19.4 per cent increase among those 85 and older between 2011 and 2016.



Q&A

Bill Nye wants his plumber to think critically – is that wrong?

Science's 'dorkiest' defender

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Early in the documentary Bill Nye: Science Guy, which saw its international premiere in Toronto this week at the Hot Docs film festival, Nye laments: "we have this increasing anti-science movement in the United States. It's worse than ever."

The film cuts to now-President Donald Trump calling concern about global warming "ridiculous," then to now-Vice President Mike Pence minimizing evolution as an unproven theory, then to fundamentalist Christian minister Ken Ham teaching an auditorium full of children the basics of young-Earth creationism, which holds that our planet and humans are just a touch over 4,000 years old.

"We've got to fight this fight," Nye says. "I've got to fight this fight."

Those who dimly remember Nye from the 1990s when he was the zany, bow-tied host of a kids science television show may be surprised to learn that Nye is back, and that he has taken a turn for the sharply political: his new Netflix series is called Bill Nye Saves the World. Nye has made science literacy his fight, and the documentary tries to uncover his motivations for doing so.

I struggle all the time with whether simply talking about science increases science literacy.
It's not enough, but it's required. If we were talking about climate change the way we talk in the U.S. about health care, or the way in Canada you talk about — well, do you talk about the tarsands?

Yeah, we do.
If we were talking about the dangers of not getting vaccinated the way we talk about President Trump's latest tweet, we would be getting something done. That's my claim.

I've seen research that shows that when you argue with people, both sides get more entrenched. Have you actually looked at research on what changes people's minds?
Here's what I think, based on my experience with what I would call skepticism — which you might also call nowadays critical thinking, or what my dad would have called reasoning. The first time you hear that there's no connection between hospital emergency room visits and the full moon, people who believe that based on anecdotes go, "Yes there is, I heard that!" But it takes about two years. You have to hear it over and over for about two years before you let go of your old world view. But what we want is to get people trained, to have the habit of mind of thinking critically, so it doesn't take two years.

Is science the only way of teaching people to think critically?
Philosophy. Science used to be called natural philosophy. Don't make me draw that line.

I'm a philosophy major who is now a science reporter so...
There's an example! As a mechanical engineer who had to bust my butt — I took three years of calculus and four years of physics — I thought, philosophy majors, they have it so easy. But I've completely changed my mind about that. I now think philosophy is the key to all happiness.

We throw around this term, 'liberal arts education.' That's what we want everyone to have. And it doesn't mean everyone has to go to a four year university, but we want — I want my plumber to be able to think critically, is that so wrong? Whether or not that guy or gal chooses to go to university for four years.

Do you think talking to adults is as effective as talking to kids?
No. Talking to adults is not as effective. No. They're cooked. They're not a lost cause, but it's not as effective. No, that's what concerns me so much about that guy in Kentucky — his influence on children.

I've also met Ken Ham. I went to Kentucky to write about creationism and the Ark Encounter. It was a very disorienting experience for me, as I'm sure it was for you. The documentary features criticism of how you sitting down with Ken Ham —
I blew it! It's all my fault.

Is there anything about that debate you regret?
The debate? No. And not even really the Ark Encounter. The reason the Ark got built, I do not think was my fault. I think it was that the governor of Kentucky is a creationist. His tourism cabinet are creationists. I believe, and this is based on what I read, that most people in the U.S. had no idea this guy and his ministry are so out of hand, are so wrong. And the real danger is climate change. He insists to his flock that climate change isn't happening and the Earth is actually cooling again. That is objectively wrong and in my opinion very bad.

Your show is called Bill Nye Saves the World, so I'm going to ask you the million-dollar question.
Is that U.S. or Canadian?

U.S., it's worth much more. It seems like creationism and anti-vaxxers and climate denial are all facets of the same problem. How did we get here, and what can the average reader of my newspaper or a watcher of your show do about it?
As I say, when you're in love you want to tell the world. Read the paper. Watch my show. Read books. Turn it up loud. The longest journey begins with a single step. Because we have this problem doesn't mean we should address it, for crying out loud.

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Parental control in era of streaming services

The Netflix series 13 Reasons Why deals with graphic content like suicide, rape, substance abuse and cyber bullying. Parents are finding out their kids have watched the series in its entirely before they have discussions. PHOTO CREDIT IN SMALL CAPS

TEENS

Netflix series 13 Reasons Why a case study in challenges

Annie Boucher is coming to terms with parenting in the Netflix era.

The Ottawa mom had to do her homework when her 12-year-old daughter asked to watch the streaming service's controversial new teen drama 13 Reasons Why.

Boucher heard about the show rattling educators and captivating students with its depictions of suicide and sexual assault, but hadn't seen it for herself.

Before giving her daughter permission to start the series, she wanted to thoroughly examine its content by embarking on the monumental task of squeezing all 13 episodes into her schedule.

"If I'm making a coffee I'll spend like three minutes watching it or if I'm having lunch I'll spend 15 minutes," she says. "I'm kind of piecing it together. . . . As a parent you can't binge-watch anything."

Boucher made it through the episodes a couple of days ago. Now she plans to revisit the climactic, graphic finale alongside her daughter to discuss it.

Hopefully, she says, that will prepare the girl for the inevitable conversations she'll encounter in school hallways. Already her classmates are dissecting the specifics of each pivotal scene.

Yet Boucher acknowledges that 13 Reasons Why doesn't stand alone.

While potentially objectionable shows broadcast on TV, like Game of Thrones or The Walking Dead, are easier for parents to stay on top of with weekly instalments, the arrival of streaming services like Netflix and Amazon Prime Video changed everything.

Instead of revealing an episode per week, the streaming platforms dump an entire season in one fell swoop.

> **It used to be that everybody would talk about the same thing, now you don't even know there's a phenomenon like 13 Reasons Why**
> Annie Boucher

And parents are finding themselves overwhelmed by the mounting quantity of content.

"Every day I log in and there's a new series," Boucher says.

"It used to be that everybody would talk about the same thing, now you don't even know there's a phenomenon like 13 Reasons Why."

Many parents felt blindsided by the series, which arrived in late March and exploded in popularity almost immediately, driven by social media buzz from its executive producer Selena Gomez and an established awareness as a 2007 youth adult novel.

Its storyline focuses on a high school student who kills herself and leaves behind 13 cassette tapes outlining events that pushed her to make the decision. Some of the more intense moments visualize rape, substance abuse and cyber bullying.

While Netflix classifies the series with a mature rating, not all parents have activated the service's content filter. That means a weekend binge through all of the episodes could go almost undetected on a user's account — unless parents dig into their viewing history.

It's one of the reasons why numerous schools across the country have alerted parents about the series and its content. Some have even asked parents to notify their children that 13 Reasons Why shouldn't be discussed on school grounds.

Kathy Short, director of School Mental Health Assist, an organization supporting mental health in Ontario schools, sent a note to school boards saying the Netflix series shouldn't be used as a "teaching tool."

Short says while most teenagers will be able to handle what's depicted on the show, not everyone is prepared for the topics it addresses.

Matthew Johnson, director of education at media literacy agency MediaSmarts, recently spoke with a school librarian who learned just how quickly 13 Reasons Why caught fire among teens.

"Every one of the kids had seen it by the time their parents asked about it," he said. "In many cases the entire series."

Johnson credits part of the viral spread to social media, which he says can be a boon for streaming video series.

"They really do rely on people talking about them," he said.

Fizziology, a research firm dedicated to social media data, found the series was tweeted about more than any other Netflix show during its first week. Nearly 3.6 million tweets were posted, surpassing the previous record holder Chasing Cameron, a reality show based on a social media celebrity, which generated 1.3 million tweets in the same time span.

With Netflix's biggest foray into edgy teen content making such an impact, it's almost certain other producers will take notice. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CATERING

Weddings hitch up to food truck trend

Bobby Hughes' family was worried about the food truck. They were used to sit-down wedding dinners with towering cakes. But Hughes and his Colombian bride, Angelica, were opting for a more relaxed approach when they asked the owners of a local food truck to cook up a South American-inspired menu for their Houston wedding.

"My Texas relatives are meat-and-potatoes people," Hughes says. "So there was some concern about the food. I was asked if people should bring their own sandwiches."

No sandwiches required. Hughes says his family and other guests ended up being impressed with the custom menu created by Consumed — a self-billed Mobile Food Dispensary. Normally purveyors of upscale burgers and fries, the owners worked with the couple to offer Argentine empanadas, goat cheese and pesto-slathered sliders, veggie tacos and Arepa, a traditional Columbian flat cornbread topped with pulled chicken and jicama slaw.

Hughes' brother-in-law, Julian Alvarez, had suggested using the food truck after learning that the couple's wedding venue didn't have a kitchen. He offered to pay for the food as a wedding gift. The couple loved the idea, and appreciated not having to agonize over seating arrangements.

"It's a food truck," he says. "They're not going to serve everyone at the same time, but in the meantime your guests can have drinks and talk. It really takes the edge off."

Mei Li, owner of a Boston truck called Mei Mei, agrees that trucks add to a casual, fun atmosphere.

"It's fun for guests to walk up and order," she says. "It's a new experience for a lot of people, and adds a level of excitement and options that a traditional caterer can't provide."

Mei Mei, run by three siblings offers a locally-sourced, Chinese-American menu.

Having done many weddings, Li suggests that couples consider the style of their wedding, the number of guests and the limitations of the venue when selecting a truck for their special day.

"Food trucks don't usually offer table linens, waitstaff or cleanup after the meal. You may need to negotiate that or hire an outside vendor for those services," Li says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wedding guests order food from Boston-based food truck, Mei Mei. KATHERINE HARPER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leaving the tails on your shrimp adds style points but also gives your guests something to hold on to. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shake off shellfish slump

RECIPE

Get going with shrimp in sweet and spicy mix

Finding yourself in a shellfish slump? Problem solved.

The next time you find yourself at the fishmonger, pick up some plump, fresh shrimp and make this tasty recipe. It's just the ticket for a spontaneous supper — try only 17 minutes from skillet to plate.

A magical mix of garlic, honey, crushed red pepper flakes and sesame seeds gives the shrimp awesome texture and flavour, and a squeeze of lime juice livens up the party. (I prefer my shrimp tail-on, both for style points and to give everyone something to hold on to.) Finish with a sprinkle of fresh chives, serve over rice and a winning meal's on the table in a flash.

Sesame and Honey Shrimp
Makes 4 servings.

Ingredients:
- 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 3 tbsp (40 g) butter
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) honey
- 1 lime, the juice only
- Red pepper flakes, to taste
- 1-1/2 lb (675 g) peeled shrimp, with or without the tail
- 1 tbsp sesame seeds
- 1 tsp chopped fresh chives

Directions:

1. In a skillet over medium-high heat, lightly brown the onion in the butter.

2. Add the garlic, honey, lime juice and pepper flakes. Reduce until the mixture begins to caramelize.

3. Add the shrimp and sesame seeds. Season with salt and pepper.

4. Cook for about 3 minutes over high heat. Add the chives. Adjust the seasoning. Serve over rice. RICARDO LARRIVÉE /TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Brewing up a little bit of funk

Some funk can liven up your evening. No, we're not talking about Bruno Mars, but the artist known as Brettanomyces. Brett's original name is Latin for "British mushroom." Brewers know Brett as a yeast responsible for producing beers with an intriguing complexity often described as "barnyard," "horse blanket" or simply funk. But increasingly, craft breweries are using it to add a dose of complexity to their brews. Brett beers can be marvellous on their own as aperitifs. **JOSH RUBIN** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Orval

This ale, brewed at a Trappist monastery in Belgium, is one of the most well-known Brett beers on the planet. It's a unique beer even among the full-of-character array of Trappist ales. Orval has a complex aroma and flavour, with hints of apricot, citrus peel and, yes, some barnyard funk. It's also got substantially more hop aroma than most Belgian beers, thanks to the use of an English technique called dry hopping, by which hops are added to the beer after brewing. No less an authority than noted beer author Michael Jackson once came perilously close to calling it his favourite beer. Along with the funk — which increases with age — there's also more body to Orval than in most Brett beers. **(Approx. $3.45 per 330 mL bottle)**

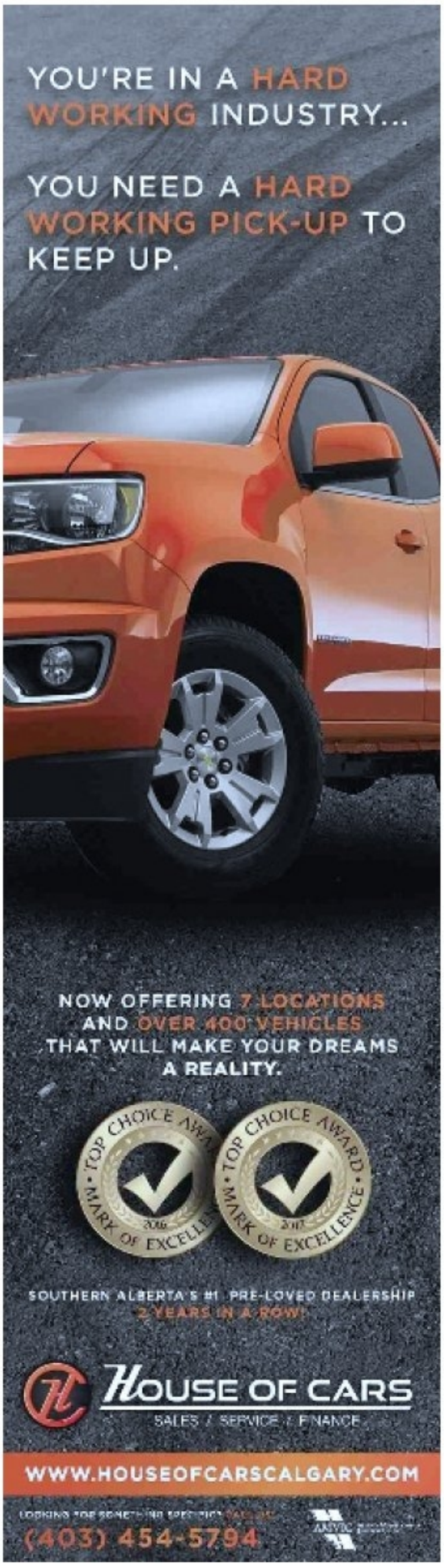
Exchange Brewery Golden Ale

While this brewery in the heart of wine country (Niagara-on-the-Lake) makes decent examples of the usual suspects like IPAs, porters and wheat beers, this one is the best of the range. One suspects that might be because Exchange's brewmaster Sam Maxbauer is a veteran of Michigan's Jolly Pumpkin brewery, which specializes in funky and sour brews. The pale, golden-coloured brew has a herbal aroma, with notes of mint and fresh-cut grass. Those notes come through in the flavour. This beer is the best pure expression of Brett character I've had in a long time. **(Approx. $13.50 per 750 mL bottle)**

Goose Island Sofie

Yes, yes. I know some craft beer folks have had a hate on for Goose Island ever since they were taken over by AB-InBev, which produces roughly one out of every three beers sold on the planet. But guess what? Goose Island still makes some good beer, including this one. Even though in some recent tastings it has seemed a touch less complex than it once was, it's still plenty respectable. If you are a hard-core funk lover already, you might want to consider offering this beer to someone who's experiencing the joys of Brett for the first time.

(Approx. $10.15 per 765 mL bottle)



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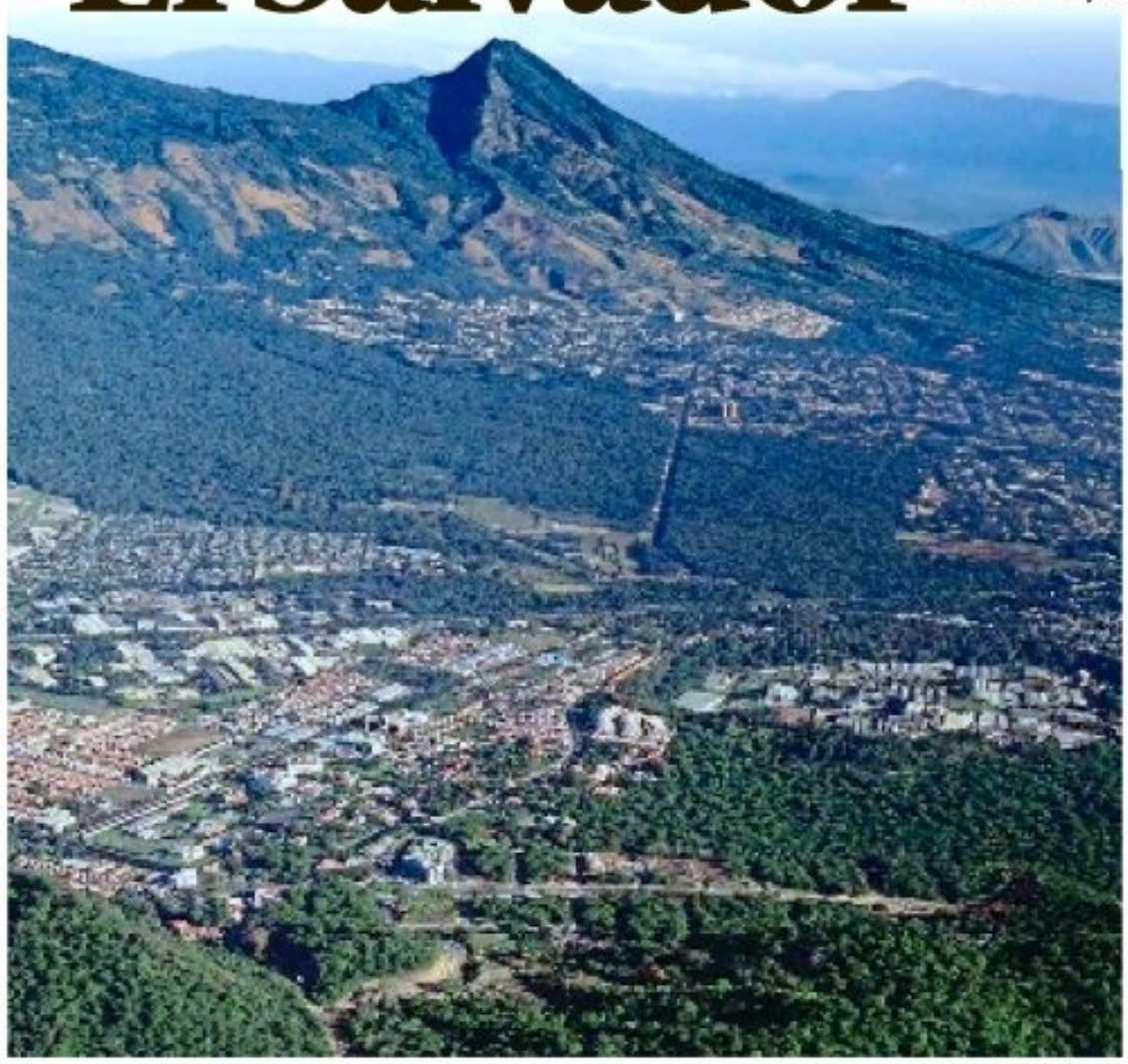
Your essential daily news

Jerry Seinfeld, Ali Wong, Laverne Cox among performers at Montreal's Just For Laughs festival

72 hours in El Salvador

El Salvador has always been a traditional stopover en route to Costa Rica, Honduras or Belize. But there's so much more to see outside the capital city of San Salvador. Here's a guide to navigating the country in one, two or three days. **JENNIFER WEATHERHEAD HARRINGTON** FOR METRO



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DAY 1

Climb a volcano and tour a coffee plantation

You can squeeze a lot into 24 hours in El Salvador and get a great grasp of the country's best offerings. Drop your bags off at a hotel and head to El Boquerón, the imposing volcano on the city's limits. You can hike around the edge of the crater (if you want to stretch those plane legs) or opt for the shorter route and drive to the top to get the panoramic views of San Salvador. In the afternoon, take a short trip outside San Salvador to Ataco. Colourful murals on nearly every wall make the town an Instagrammer's dream and it's also home to another one of El Salvador's famed exports — coffee. Tour the El Carmen State plantation and see the bean go from plant to cup, sip on some local brew, then hit up Ataco's tiny cafés to take in the country's best flavours.

DAY 2

Visit historic sites

With your next 24 hours, head to Suchitoto (stay at the boutique hotel Los Almendros de San Lorenzo), a picturesque town surrounded by volcanoes, lakes and ancient sites like the indigenous city of Chalchuapa (home to the highest pyramids in the country). Continue your history tour through Joya de Ceren, a UNESCO World Heritage Site preserved after being buried under layers of volcanic ash from the Loma Caldera volcano in 660 BC (also known as the "Pompei of America").

DAY 3

Chase some waves

A third day will allow you to take in El Salvador's impressive coastline. After a morning stroll along the cobblestone streets of Suchitoto, grab a pupusa (a Salvadorian dish of meat, cheese and beans in a flat pastry) and get a glimpse of the impressive man-made Lago Suchitlan. Then get your surf gear on. El Salvador is known for its surfing, and the swells at the famed volcanic Playa El Tunco will rival most others in the world. Bring your beach shoes, because much of the beach is rocky mixed with black sand, and get set to tackle the waves with El Salvador Surf Camps (elsalvadorsurfcamps.com). Not into big waves? Park yourself on the beach, soak up the sun or book a massage in the cliffs at the B Boutique Hotel.

Avianca offers direct flights from Toronto to San Salvador. This trip was hosted by the tourism board of El Salvador, which didn't review or approve this story.

TRAVEL NOTES HIPPO WITH MESSAGE OF HOPE, SAVE THE DATE: BOSTON MARATHON REGISTRATION, NYC'S NEW FERRY SERVICE

Zoo sends baby onesies to hospital

An Ohio zoo that received help from a hospital for its prematurely born hippo, Fiona, has sent onesies to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. The baby clothes feature Fiona's image and are meant as a message of hope to families of premature babies. Fiona weighed 29 pounds when she was born Jan. 24 at the Cincinnati Zoo, her weight now tops 100 lbs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ready, set, register

If you just ran the Boston Marathon, chances are your legs are still trashed. But if you plan to be back next year, mark your calendar for 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 11. That's when the Boston Athletic Association will open registration for the 2018 edition. The BAA says it will again use a "rolling" registration to give the fastest qualifiers first dibs on a bib. The 122nd Boston Marathon will be run on April 16, 2018. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NYC Ferry routes

New York City has launched its new ferry service. The service started Monday with a Rockaway, Queens, route. NYC Ferry will get a South Brooklyn route on June 1. An Astoria, Queens, route begins in August, followed by Lower East Side and Bronx routes in 2018. A ride costs $2.75, the same as the subway, and includes transfers. Ferries accept MetroCards, are WiFi capable and serve snacks and alcohol. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Eating your way through Yaletown

A view of the Aquabus travelling between Yaletown and Granville Island. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

FOODIE

In a city known for food, take a tour through a trendy 'hood

Lola Augustine Brown
For Metro Canada

My first hour in Yaletown was rather trippy. At the Contemporary Art Gallery, I sat on a green shag carpet before four TV screens showing psychedelic videos inspired by British artist Haroon Mirza's 'shroom and peyote trips, with strobes flashing and techno playing. Other works played with electrodes and movement, all very cool, in an excellent exhibition space.

Leaving the gallery to walk along rain-slick cobbled streets to my hotel, I browsed home wares in a much-loved-by-locals shop The Cross, tried on hats at Goorin Bros. and picked out Swedish candies at Karameller.

Once the city's warehouse district, made trendy, Yaletown is a fun part of Vancouver to visit. Set around an old roundhouse, you'll find tons of places to eat, drink, shop and spoil yourself.

Dinner that night was northern Italian at La Pentola in the Opus Hotel, where I was staying. I started with beef carpaccio with quail eggs, then moved onto tender smoked Fraser Valley duck served with beet purée, beluga lentils and cherry jus. Then I ordered a dessert tasting plate too.

Being March in Vancouver, umbrellas were necessary for most of my three days in the city. Luckily, the rain stopped the day I caught the rainbow Aquabus over to Granville Island. We pootled across the harbour from the jetty just down from the hotel, with views of glass condos and a mountain backdrop.

First stop was for lunch at fish and seafood restaurant Sandbar. The succulent Dungeness crab cakes were all crab (no filler), and the perfectly light and flaky sable fish came with coconut rice.

Then it was on to the Granville Island Public Market, where chefs and tourists alike flock to buy just about every gourmet treat and ingredient you can think of. I sampled New York-made pickles, candied salmon and jams.

Venturing north of Yaletown to Coal Harbour for dinner that night, I shared plates at super cool Nightingale, the latest venture from celebrated local chef David Hawksworth. I gorged on perfect pizza, bone marrow with house-made pickles and fried chicken, and topped it off with decadent salted caramel pots de crème. Nightingale was hopping when I left at 11 p.m. and my friend pointed out a table of reality-TV stars just next to the bar.

The next morning started with restorative time at skoah, a local spa with a now cult-like following and locations across North America. I walked out with glowing skin.

Lunching at local institution Tacofino was a gut-busting affair, as burritos came stuffed with everything from squash and chickpea fritter to Veracruz beef meatballs, crispy cauliflower and smoked tuna.

I walked it off a bit by strolling part of the Sea Wall that meanders along the edge of Yaletown. Then one last meal. This time at Minami, where traditional Japanese meets Euro influences. I devoured soft slabs of buttery sashimi, perfectly crisp fried chicken and complex hatcho miso braised short rib.

I left Minami full and happy, but with one last place I had to try, just across the street: Mister Artisan Ice Cream, where you watch your treat whipped up fresh with liquid nitrogen in a KitchenAid mixer.

Mister's co-owner Michael Lai said when singer Adele stopped by she ordered the double Oreo flavour made with a cream-cheese base, so I had to try that. Then I watched Lai wield a blowtorch to finish a tub of the crème brûlée variety (above), and had to taste that too. Both were incredible. The best ice cream of my life.

Thank goodness it was just a short stumble back to the hotel where I could collapse, knowing I'd be heading home the next day and returning to normal rations.

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Lola Augustine Brown was hosted by The Opus Hotel and Destination British Columbia, which did not review or approve this story.

IF YOU GO...

Staying at the Opus Hotel

I was invited to Yaletown by the Opus Hotel to check out some of the experiences woven into its Perfect Day itineraries. These five itineraries help guests have "authentic local experiences."

Each follows a muse with different interests, exposing the best new spas, stores, eateries, fitness clubs and more. The itineraries come loaded on in-room iPads — or guests can pick up hard copies.

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Postcard perfect beaches a boat ride away

BRAZIL

Ilha Grande has what Rio's missing: clean, quiet beaches

Lopes Mendes beach, located in Ilha Grande (Angra dos Reis), on a sunny summer day. ISTOCK

One of the first things visitors will notice about Ilha Grande, or Big Island, is that there are no vehicles. The local government prohibits private cars, maintaining the laid-back rhythms that islanders say are central to their identity.

Dirt and sand paths that run parallel to the many beaches, however, often do have travellers: scores of crabs scurrying across at a leisurely pace that only picks up if a human approaches.

"Life here is simple," said Rodison Marcos, a 48-year-old boat operator born and raised here. "We don't need a watch, or a tie or cars."

Slowed development means this island can offer something Rio de Janeiro and surrounding areas have not been able to for years: clean beaches. Ultimately it was a search for unsullied ocean that attracted us.

The island is a three-hour trip from Rio, but no highway or bridge connects it to the mainland. Several boats a day traverse a small stretch of sea from three different ports. The relative isolation means cellphone service is spotty and Internet often feels nonexistent. In short, it's a place to disconnect while feeling strong connections because everybody appears to know everybody.

"Oh, you are going to the place of Alex, the French guy," a man told me after we arrived in Abraao and asked directions to Bica Beach. "Let me get you a taxi boat."

The Airbnb bungalow was 10 minutes away by wobbly motorboat. We climbed the equivalent of six flights of stairs on a steep path through lush tropical forest. Looking down from our perch, we saw blue ocean waters while monkeys jumped between trees.

The island, about 200 square kilometres, is pristine in large part because of an unusual history going back to the 16th century Portuguese colonization. It has been a pirates' lair, a leper colony and most recently, home to a maximum security penitentiary that housed some of Brazil's most violent criminals, along with political prisoners during part of the 1964-1985 dictatorship.

Various rebellions and headline-grabbing escapes created headaches for islanders and kept investors away. In 1994, however, the Candido Mendes prison was closed and demolished. A few years later, the State University of Rio de Janeiro opened a research centre to study the environment and sustainable development.

Today, there are numerous pousadas, or guest houses, in Vila do Abraao, which has about 3,000 residents. There are also offbeat places to stay, from beachfront villas to isolated jungle dwellings. Companies offer excursions that range from some of Brazil's best snorkeling and scuba-diving to walking tours through rainforests teeming with life. Then there are the dozens and dozens of beaches that are both postcard-worthy and often empty.

"Look at this water," said Felipe Ricardo Brito, who sells caipirinhas, a mix of the national alcohol cachaca and limes, on Feiticeira Beach. "It's totally clean. There is no sewage. You can breathe pure air."

That is not the case on most beaches in and around Rio de Janeiro, the city that hosted the 2016 Summer Games. An 18-month investigation by The Associated Press during the run up to the Olympics found dangerously high levels of bacteria and viruses in Rio beaches.

While Ilha Grande doesn't have a sewage problem, it's far from an environmental paradise and there are also worries about overdevelopment. As the island opens up, its industries and demographics are changing. While fishing is still a central industry, increasingly fishing and crab boats are used to ferry around tourists. And some tourists like it so much that they stay.

"Now there are Argentines, Brazilians from other states and hippies living here," said Selma dos Santos Garcia, a 34-year-old Ilha Grande native who sells snacks on the beaches. "And we are at the mercy of tourists."

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IF YOU GO...

Staying on the Big Island

When choosing lodging, remember that you must walk or take taxi boats to all accommodations outside Vila do Abraao. For more information: visitbrasil.com/en/destinos/ilha-grande

The great American eclipse tour

On Monday, Aug. 21, the shadow of a total solar eclipse will sweep across America coast-to-coast from Oregon to South Carolina. The last time the sun played cosmic hide-and-seek behind the moon over the continental U.S. was in 1979. Join legions of sky watchers vying for a prime perch along the path of totality.

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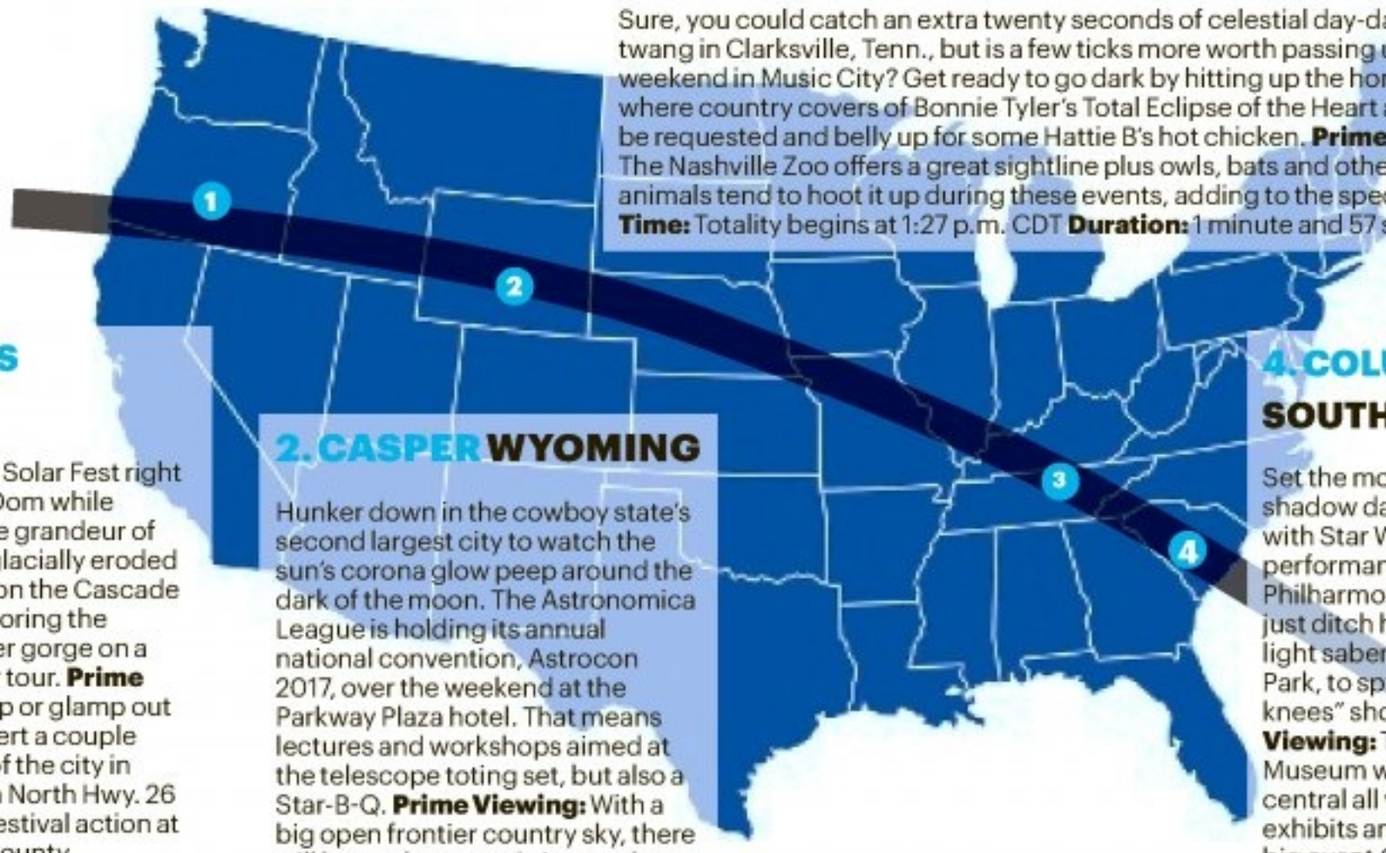

1. MADRAS OREGON

Do the Oregon Solar Fest right by sipping on Dom while scoping out the grandeur of Broken Top, a glacially eroded stratovolcano on the Cascade range and exploring the Deschutes River gorge on a luxe helicopter tour. **Prime Viewing:** Camp or glamp out in the high desert a couple miles outside of the city in "Solartown" on North Hwy. 26 or stay by the festival action at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. **Go Time:** Totality begins at 10:19 a.m. PDT **Duration:** 2 minutes and 4 seconds

2. CASPER WYOMING

Hunker down in the cowboy state's second largest city to watch the sun's corona glow peep around the dark of the moon. The Astronomica League is holding its annual national convention, Astrocon 2017, over the weekend at the Parkway Plaza hotel. That means lectures and workshops aimed at the telescope toting set, but also a Star-B-Q. **Prime Viewing:** With a big open frontier country sky, there will be unobstructed views aplenty so any backyard or porch will do just fine. **Go Time:** Totality beings 11:42 a.m. **Duration:** 2 minutes and 26 seconds

3. NASHVILLE TENNESSEE

Sure, you could catch an extra twenty seconds of celestial day-darkness twang in Clarksville, Tenn., but is a few ticks more worth passing up on a weekend in Music City? Get ready to go dark by hitting up the honky-tonks where country covers of Bonnie Tyler's Total Eclipse of the Heart are sure to be requested and belly up for some Hattie B's hot chicken. **Prime Viewing:** The Nashville Zoo offers a great sightline plus owls, bats and other nocturnal animals tend to hoot it up during these events, adding to the spectacle. **Go Time:** Totality begins at 1:27 p.m. CDT **Duration:** 1 minute and 57 seconds

4. COLUMBIA SOUTH CAROLINA

Set the mood for the spooky cosmic shadow dance on Sunday afternoon with Star Wars Musiclipse, a performance by the South Carolina Philharmonic — Morihiko Nakahara may just ditch his conductor's baton for a light saber. A walk in Congaree National Park, to spy the alien-looking "tree's knees" should also be in order. **Prime Viewing:** The South Carolina State Museum will be eclipse-tailgating central all weekend long with themed exhibits and planetarium shows. For the big event City Roots, an urban farm, is hosting a low country boil & paella party from noon to 4 p.m. with live music. **Go Time:** Totality begins at 2:43 p.m. EDT **Duration:** 2 minutes and 36 seconds

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HOW TO BUY A NEW CAMERA

As exciting as the prospect of a new camera is, buying one can be an overwhelming experience. The first thing to do is to consult someone with the knowledge and experience to help.

"The first question that I usually ask people is what kind of photography they want to do," says Chris Niccolls, a photo expert at The Camera Store (thecamerastore.com) in Calgary. "Cameras are tools and you need the right tool for the job."

For hiking or travelling, a compact DSLR camera might be just the thing. "The Nikon D3400 is an ultralight DSLR that will outperform any cellphone in terms of image quality, and yet gives you all the Wi-fi connectivity needed to share your adventures," says Niccolls.

Shooting wildlife, weddings or sports requires a heavier, fast-shooting camera. "The Nikon D500 has the fastest auto focus they offer," he says. "Its rugged body is fully weather-sealed so you can venture into more challenging adventures."

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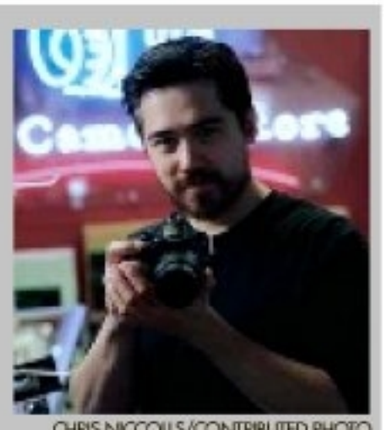

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Chris Niccolls is one of the longest-serving employees at The Camera Store in Calgary, which carries cameras and accessories for photo and video, both for sale and rental, and offers classes and workshops. Niccolls is also a photography teacher and the host of TCS TV, the store's YouTube channel. On the channel, Niccolls – who has been in the photography business since it was focussed on film and chemical processing – discusses the latest photography and video equipment and offers demonstrations and details. Since it launched in 2010, the channel has grown to more than 255,000 subscribers and has around 41 million views from around the world.

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CELEBRATING CANADA'S GIFTS TO THE WORLD

Singled out

MUSIC

Grooving to the 20 most Canadian songs, eh?

Rhonda Riche

Canadian musicians have been topping the charts worldwide since Guy Lombardi in the big band era. These 20 singles weren't just hits, they also represented Canadian culture to the wider world — and to their fellow Canucks.

1 "American Woman" by the Guess Who
A rock anthem for Canadians who define themselves as "not American."

2 "Call Me Maybe" by Carly Rae Jepsen
The singer placed third on Canadian Idol in 2007 and then went on to release the best-selling single worldwide in 2012. Call me, maybe? Such a Canadian pickup line.

3 "Canada" by Bobby Gimby
This jingoistic jingle was released to commemorate Canada's 100th birthday in 1967.

4 "50 Mission Cap" by The Tragically Hip
Maple Leafs, hockey cards and the Hip themselves, of course, are about as Canadian as it gets.

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5 "Helpless" by Neil Young
Neil sets the stage from the haunting opening line: "There is a town in North Ontario/ With dream comfort memory to spare."

6 "If I Had a Million Dollars" by Barenaked Ladies
The tune references Kraft Dinner. 'Nuff said.

7 "I Just Want to Stop" by Gino Vanelli
"When I think about those nights in Montreal" is one of the sexier opening lyrics in pop history.

8 "Mushaboom" by Feist
Ever wondered what a Mushaboom is? Well, it's a town in Nova Scotia.

Somali-Canadian star K'naan had a worldwide hit with the song "Waving Flag," which was used as a charity single after a devastating earthquake in Haiti in 2010. TORSTAR FILE PHOTO

9 "Northern Touch" by Rascalz (featuring Checkmate, Kardinal Offishall, Thrust and Choclair)
A summit of the most influential MCs from across the country, this track celebrated Canada's unique hip-hop scene, paving a path for future stars like the Weeknd and A Tribe Called Red.

10 "Northwest Passage" by Stan Rogers
The history of early explorers searching for a route across Canada, sung a cappella.

11 "Raised on Robbery" by Joni Mitchell
More Maple Leafs. More tales of woe.

12 "Seasons in the Sun" by Terry Jacks
An English-language version of Jacques Brel's "Le Moribund," this track is one of the fewer than 40 singles to have sold more than 10 million copies worldwide. Thanks to Can Con regulations, it's still heard in heavy rotation on oldies radio.

13 "Snowbird" by Anne Murray
Canadian folkie Gene MacLellan's most famous song has been recorded by many, but Murray's pure and effortless vocals make this version the best.

14 "Sorry" by Justin Beiber
There's nothing more Canadian than a Canadian apologizing.

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15 "Spirit of Radio" by Rush
An Eighties-era homage to Toronto indie radio station CFNY.

16 "Started from the Bottom" by Drake
Aubrey Graham's origin story. The video features Drake working at Shoppers Drug Mart.

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17 "Tshinanu" by Kashtin
A surprise worldwide hit from folk duo Claude McKenzie and Florent Vollant, sung in their native Innu-aimun language.

18 "Underwhelmed" by Sloan
Instrumental in building the 1990s Halifax music scene, Sloan are also known for clever wordplay. This song references the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation.

19 "Waving Flag" by K'naan
This tune by Somali-Canadian K'naan has had many lives: first as a song of hope for Somalia, then as a Canadian fundraiser for the 2010 Haitian earthquake relief efforts, then as a promo for FIFA. It's so anthemic that there's even a book about it.

20 "Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" by Gordon Lightfoot
The legend lives on from the Chippewa on down of this epic tale of the sinking of a Great Lakes Freighter.

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NBA prospect Lonzo Ball has unveiled his own Big Baller Brand signature shoe — the ZO2 Prime — at the whopping price of $495 US

Sens take it on the chin as Rangers even series

2017 NHL PLAYOFFS
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

Ottawa loses captain to injury, game and composure

Henrik Lundqvist made 22 saves to lead the New York Rangers to a 4-1 win over the Ottawa Senators on Thursday night in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference semifinal.

The best-of-seven series is tied 2-2. Game 5 is Saturday afternoon at Canadian Tire Centre in Ottawa.

Henrik Lundqvist GETTY IMAGES

Oscar Lindberg scored twice for the Rangers, and Nick Holden and Chris Kreider each added a goal. New York's bottom six forwards did the heavy lifting offensively, as that group finished with two goals and five assists for seven points in the win. Tanner Glass recorded two assists, and the triumvirate of Kevin Hayes, J.T. Miller and Michael Grabner each had an assist.

Kyle Turris scored the Senators' lone goal as Ottawa dropped its second straight in the series, but that is a subplot to potentially three bigger issues. First is that captain Erik Karlsson did not play the third period. Karlsson, who said after the Game 6 win over Boston in the Eastern Conference quarter-final he had been playing with two hairline fractures in his left heel, fell awkwardly late in the second after battling for a puck along the boards with Miller. Karlsson finished with a shot and three attempted shots in 14:54 of ice time spanning the first two periods.

The second issue for Ottawa is that Craig Anderson allowed three goals on 20 shots in two periods before being replaced by Mike Condon. Condon stopped nine of 10 shots in the third.

Finally, the Senators also lost their composure, especially in the third period. Dion Phaneuf was ejected late in the third for fighting Brendan Smith — who was also ejected — and Bobby Ryan was assessed a two-minute minor for slashing Dan Girardi and a 10-minute misconduct with 2:28 left.

The final 30 seconds of play devolved into a series of fights beginning with a bout involving Glass and Turris. The following faceoff saw the on-ice officiating crew have to break up wrestling matches involving players from both sides.

During Wednesday's off day, Ottawa head coach Guy Boucher spoke about creating traffic in front of Lundqvist. But the Senators finished with just 23 shots, the vast majority harmless attempts from the perimeter.

Perhaps Lundqvist's most difficult stops were an in-tight chance from Jean-Gabriel Pageau in the first, and a sequence early in the third. Even Turris' goal was an off-wing shot through the legs of a New York defender.

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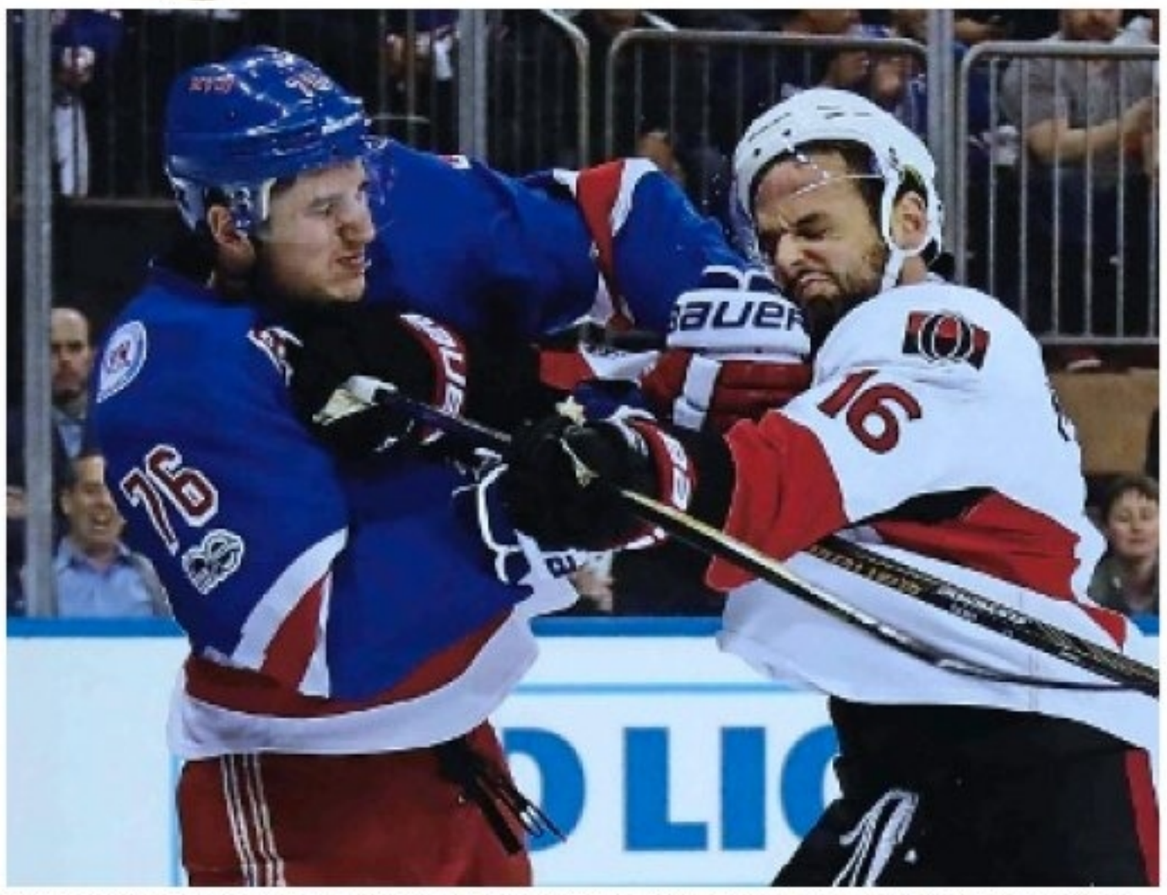

Rangers defenceman Brady Skjei and Senators forward Clarke MacArthur jostle for position on Thursday night. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

GAME 4 In New York

NEW YORK RANGERS	OTTAWA
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IN BRIEF

Crosby skates but remains day to day ahead of Game 5

Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby skated at the Penguins practice facility Thursday, two days after the team confirmed he was suffering from another concussion.

Pens coach Mike Sullivan said Crosby is focused on his rehab and didn't provide an update on the star's availability for Game 5 of Pittsburgh's best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal with Washington.

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Wiz rout Celts in testy affair

John Wall scored 24 points and the Washington Wizards jumped out to a hot start and rode it to a 116-89 victory over the Boston Celtics in a technical foul-filled Game 3 on Thursday night to cut their series deficit to 2-1.

The game was already a blowout in the second when Washington's Kelly Oubre Jr. was ejected for charging and knocking over Kelly Olynyk.

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Johnson returns to shoot 70 in North Carolina

Six weeks away from competition has done little to slow Dustin Johnson.

The top-ranked golfer in the world showed more game than rust at the Wells Fargo Championship, where he missed only two greens for a 2-under 70 that left him four shots behind leader Francesco Molinari.

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Lowry a doubt for Game 3

NBA PLAYOFFS

Raptors' star point guard picked up ankle injury in Game 2

The Raptors may have to face Cleveland on Friday without Kyle Lowry. Toronto's dogged point guard is questionable after spraining his left ankle in Wednesday's 125-103 loss to the Cavaliers, and backcourt partner DeMar DeRozan said his absence would be "a big problem," for a Toronto team that's two losses away from elimination.

"Kyle is our driving force, our point guard, our leader. So for us not to have him anything close to 100 per cent, it would be difficult on us," DeRozan said. "Everybody else gotta do something a little bit more to fill whatever void it is."

Kyle Lowry
GETTY IMAGES

Lowry missed Thursday's practice at Biosteel Centre and was scheduled for an MRI later in the day, according to coach Dwane Casey. The injury occurred early in the third quarter when Cleveland's Tristan Thompson shoved Norman Powell, who hit Lowry from the side while falling.

"I don't think the officials saw that part of it," Casey said of Thompson's shove. "I don't think Tristan did it maliciously, but he threw him down, threw Norm down into his ankle. I knew it was bad when I first saw it."

Lowry was arguably Toronto's best player in the two losses to Cleveland, scoring 20 points in both games. The three-time all-star missed 21 games late in the regular season after undergoing wrist surgery. The team fared surprisingly well, going 14-7 in his absence.

"It's unfortunate, obviously, when anyone goes out, especially one of our stars," said Cory Joseph, who started in Lowry's absence.

Joseph had 22 points on Wednesday, but much of it was in the fourth quarter after both coaches had emptied their benches. He averaged 4.7 points per game in 16.1 minutes a night in the regular season. Lowry averaged 15.1 points in 38.7 minutes per game.

"I love playing out on the road more than I love playing at home."

LeBron James who is averaging a staggering 34.2 points, 9.2 rebounds, 7.3 assists in the playoffs.

Cavs superstar LeBron James saw Lowry go down, saying the injury "didn't look that great."

"I just wanted him to get up. He's a good friend of mine."

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IN BRIEF

United gains semi-final edge

Marcus Rashford scored a second half free kick for Manchester United to beat Celta Vigo 1-0 in the first leg of the Europa League semifinals on Thursday.

Rashford, who hit the winner against Anderlecht in the quarter-finals, struck again, securing United the advantage going into the second leg.

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Doping violations rule prospects out of CFL draft

Prospects for the 2017 CFL draft have been deemed ineligible for anti-doping violations, the league said Thursday.

Kent State long-snapper Kain Anzovino, McGill receiver Moy McDonald, Carleton defensive lineman Daniel McNicholl and Calgary receiver Rashaun Simonise all had their draft years deferred to 2018 as a result of anti-doping rule violations for the use of banned substances.

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Spurs' Parker out of playoffs after rupturing tendon

San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker will miss the rest of the playoffs after rupturing a quadriceps tendon in Game 2 of the Western Conference semifinals against the Houston Rockets.

Parker will need season-ending surgery, meaning the Spurs will have to go without their veteran leader.

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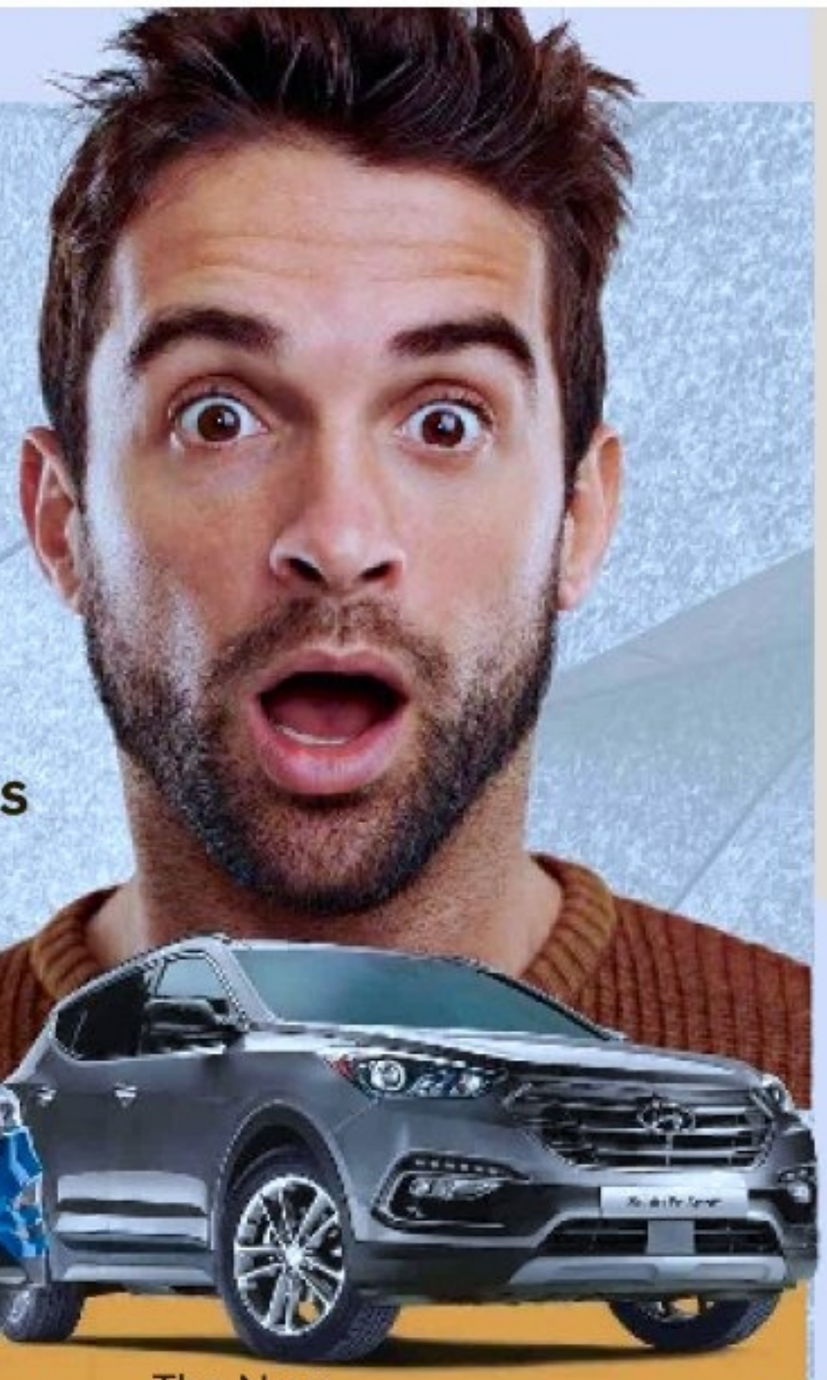

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

These impressive homemade sweets are so easy to make. What's not easy? Eating just one at a time...

Ready In: 1 hour 30 minutes
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Ingredients
- 1/2 cup creamy natural peanut butter
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- 1 cup confectioner's sugar
- 8 oz chocolate, chopped (or chocolate chips)

Directions
1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, sugar and butter together until they form a dough. Shape into a ball, cover with plastic wrap and chill 15 minutes.
2. Pinch off a small bits of and roll into 1-inch balls. If too sticky, pop back in fridge for a few minutes.
3. Place balls on a parchment lined baking sheet and then in the freezer for half an hour.
4. Melt chocolate gently using a double boiler and then pour into a shallow bowl.
5. Using a toothpick, pick up each ball, dip it into the chocolate and then let excess drip off. Place each ball onto a clean parchment lined baking sheet. You can leave plain or sprinkle a pinch of sea salt of finely chopped nuts before the chocolate firms up
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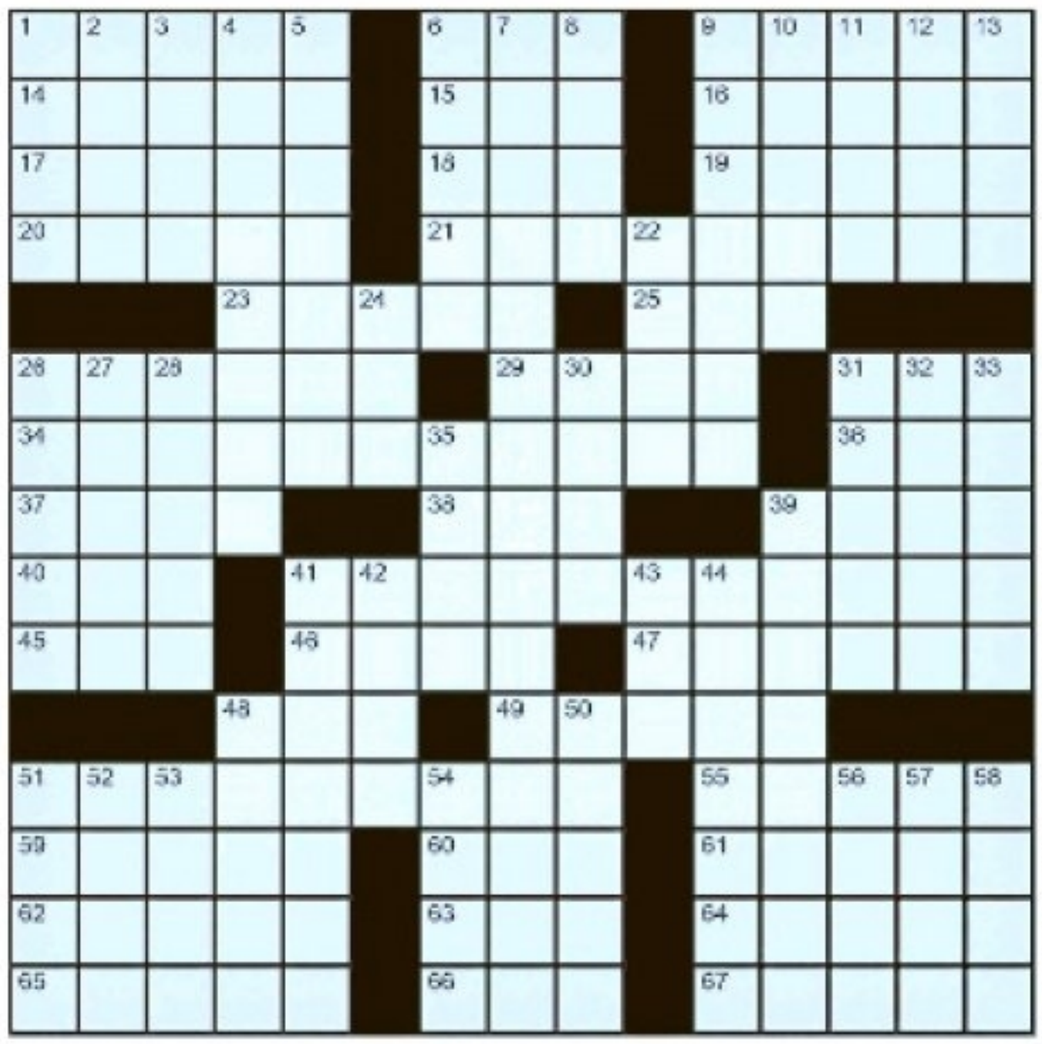

ACROSS
1. Dove and Irish Spring
6. Mil. rank
9. Information session, e.g.: letter + wd. + letter
14. "Doctor Zhivago" (1965) character
15. 'Text' suffix
16. An archangel
17. Feminine name endings
18. Moulder
19. R'egal'-sounding bird
20. Aromatic resin
21. Canadian athletic chain store: 2 wds.
23. Musician Ms. Mann
25. Slangy one-eighty turn
26. Beach Boys' 1988 tropical hit
29. Hamilton expressway, The _
31. Arthurian title, briefly
34. Arctic _ (Baffin is one of its islands)
36. Scandinavian rug
37. Small estuaries
38. Understand
39. Sprays a famous cooking spray, say
40. Sea: French
41. Crosby, Stills & Nash song: 2 wds.
45. Mr. Pacino's
46. "The Brady Bunch" star, _ _ Davis
47. Actress Ms. Danner
48. Rock logo insurance co.
49. Village People gyms
51. Ringo's birthplace
55. Spectacles style, _-nez
59. Budget-saving prefix
60. Flier to Narita Intl. Airport
61. Illegally live in a dwelling
62. "I _ _ backing at all!"
63. 'Hect' add-on
64. Shania Twain's "(If You're Not in It for Love) I'm _ Here!"
65. "Now you _ '_, now..."
66. Mag. edition
67. Twiggy retreats

DOWN
1. New Brunswick's motto: _ Reduxit
2. Cheerios characteristic
3. Stars sci.
4. Ancient Egyptian kings
5. Raw fish of Japanese cuisine
6. Hex
7. As an in-motion rowboat: 3 wds.
8. Jared of "Dallas Buyers Club" (2013)
9. Provincial park in northern Ontario bordering Minnesota
10. Had _ _ (Competed on the track)
11. Poetically approaching
12. Proofreader's 'remove'
13. Director Mr. Keshishian
22. Ladder step
24. Floor-cleaning implement
26. John Lennon's "Instant _!"
27. Projecting window
28. Barenaked Ladies' "If I Had $1,000,000" styles of vehicles
30. 'Different' suffix
31. Brightly banded snake
32. Stage in a dragonfly's life cycle
33. Montreal 'mug'
35. "Ghostbusters" (1984) - Dr. _ Spengler
39. Bodybuilder's build
41. Military command/strategy headquarters: 2 wds.
42. "Movin' _ _": "The Jeffersons" theme
43. Jimmy Fallon's station
44. Applies the paint in a way: 2 wds.
48. Short-tubed pasta
50. Titles for French misses [abbr.]
51. Tabletop's propper-uppers
52. Slurpee-like beverage
53. Mark a ballot
54. Bionic Woman's California hometown
56. Pecans
57. Carrie Chapman _ (American suffrage leader)
58. Airport scr. postings

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Clever you! You see ways to improve your health today. Likewise, you see ways to improve your job or to introduce reform where you work.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today you are resourceful when it comes to ideas about how to entertain yourself and others. You also will apply your clever mind to improving sports events or how sports are played.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Look around where you live today to see how to improve bathroom areas, laundry areas and anything to do with plumbing, garbage and recycling. You can do this.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
When communicating with others today, you are strong and direct. That's why this is a good day for those in sales, marketing, teaching, acting and writing.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Listen to your moneymaking ideas, because you can see a new way to boost your income today. You also might see how to improve something you own.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Take a realistic look in the mirror today. How can you improve your appearance? (You never get a second chance to make a first impression.)

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Secrets might come out today. Something you are involved with that is behind the scenes suddenly might reveal a new truth to you. If it's juicy, be discreet.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your interaction with a female friend today is powerful. In fact, you might attract someone who seems strong to you. Whatever the case, this person might cause you to change your future goals.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Bosses and parents will be impressed with your suggestions to improve something today. That's why you should just speak up. You're on the ball!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You have strong thoughts about politics, religion, philosophy and racial issues, which is why you should be careful when talking to others today.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You might see a better way to deal with shared property today. Perhaps you see a better arrangement about sharing something or dividing an inheritance.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
During a discussion with a partner or close friend today, you actually might see how to improve the relationship itself. Oh yes, there's always room for improvement.

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